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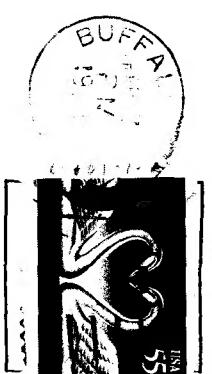
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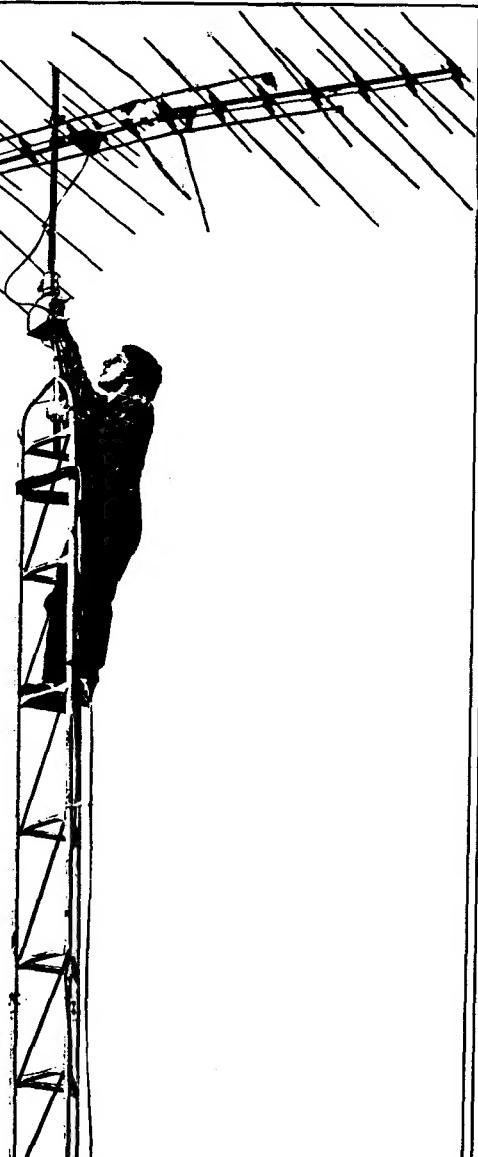
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FROM THE STAFF:

UPDATE: Last month we reported that the club was without a mail/communications supervisor. That situation has not been resolved, however, if you are renewing your membership, continue to mail to the Asheville, NC address. Meanwhile, you should continue to be aware (as we stated last month) that all material submitted to the Asheville address is subject to delay (possibly lengthy) due to forwarding.

EXPLANATION: The search for a qualified member to handle the mail distribution duties and not been productive. Your Board of Directors wants all of you to be aware that the open position carries a great deal of responsibility and by its very nature is not as easy to fill as most vacancies. This is a serious problem. Our search continues.

THE SOLUTION: The new communication coordinator ideally will be a long-time member who has lived in the same city for several years, and is not likely to move in the foreseeable future. Responsibilities include record-keeping and some correspondence. E-mail access is an asset but not essential. This is not a task for just anyone; and until we have located a responsible person willing to assume the functions of the job, WTFDA business affairs will remain in somewhat of a state of limbo. Volunteer offers will be seriously considered.

EDITORIAL COMMENT: One link snaps...and the chain breaks! It happens to kids' bicycles, and it has happened to WTFDA as a club. No one is happy about this, but we are not going to rush into a patch job that doesn't promise long-term stability. The lack of communication will (temporarily) be a nuisance and possibly damaging; but we will survive.

Watch this space for POSITIVE NEWS...SOON!

TV NEWS

February 1998

Douglas E. Smith W9WI	*: Non-commercial station
1385 Old Clarksville Pike	nc: No Change
Pleasant View, TN 37146-8098	+/-: Channel offsets (plus, z/n: minus, zero, and none)
72777.3143@compuserve.com	^: Digital TV station

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

St.	Ch.	ERP	HAAT	City; applicant	
BC	3	0.001		Slocan; KXLY [4] translator	
BC	6	0.001		Slocan; KREM [2] translator	
BC	7	0.001		Slocan; Knowledge Network	
BC	10	0.001		Slocan; CKTN [8] translator	
FL	28^	21601? 438		W. Palm Beach; WFLX [29]	26-34-37N/ 80-14-32W
MB	30	0.1		Neepawa; community st.	
OH	15^	500 285		Cleveland; WEWS [5]	41-22-26N/ 81-43-04W
OH	19z	3720 351		Shaker Heights; WOIO [19]	
OH	10^	3.5 304		Shaker Heights; WOIO [19]	41-23-15N/ 81-41-43W
OR	40^	1000 522		Portland; KOIN [6]	45-30-58N/122-43-59W
TX	9^	18.6 526		Dallas; WFIA [8]	32-35-06N/ 96-58-41W

I'm sure the ERP for WFLX-DT is a typo. My guess would be 216.01KW, but that's only a guess. The WOIO application on channel 19 is for an experimental station. I really don't know what's going on here; WOIO is already licensed for NTSC operation on channel 19.

CONSTRUCTION PERMITS GRANTED FOR NEW STATIONS

St.	Ch.	ERP	HAAT	City; applicant	Call/
CA	31n		K31FC	San Diego; Comm. Svc. TV	32-43-06N/117-09-31W
CA	6^	18.0	38.7	Santa Clara; Intel Corp.	37-23-16N/121-57-43W
				(also channels 12, 28, and 62; experimental station)	
MT	9+	316	147	Havre; Sunbelt Comms. Co.	48-29-39N/109-42-48W
NY	56^	349	397	New York; WCBS [2]	40-44-54N/ 73-59-10W
OK	31z	5000	217	Elk City; TV 31 L.L.C.	35-24-22N/ 99-29-54W
OR	24+	10.6	294	Portland; KNMT [24]	45-30-58N/122-43-59W
				(backup transmitter, no change to main)	
TX	35^	857	518	Dallas; KDFW [4]	32-35-06N/ 96-58-41W
UT	6z	83.84	676	Vernal; TV 6 L.L.C.	40-21-22N/109-08-41W
WI	26^	218.5	455	Madison; WKOW [27]	43-03-21N/ 89-32-06W

New-station permits expired, dismissed, etc.:

CA	Escondido	31	CA	La Jolla	45
CA	San Diego	31, 45	OH	Cleveland Hts.	29

APPLICATIONS TO CHANGE EXISTING FACILITIES

St.	Ch.	ERP	HAAT	Call	City
CA	26z	37.76		K26CO	Redding
LA	21z	42.3		KANC-LP	Baton Rouge
MS	*29+	1012	475	WMPN-TV	Jackson
NC	3z	nc	541	WBTV	Charlotte
NH	*49+	nc	nc	WLED-TV	Littleton
					44-21-10N/ 71-44-15W
				(no real change, just a correction of coordinates)	
NY	27	nc		WNXY-LP	New York (from ch. 54)
PR	18z	nc	275	WTCV	San Juan

APPLICATIONS TO CHANGE CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

St.	Ch.	ERP	HAAT	Call	City	
FL	61+	14.0		W61DD	Miami	25-46-19N/ 80-11-31W
IA	52+	40.8		K52BH	Ames	
IA	61+	19.1		K61FF	Cedar Rapids	42-02-43N/ 91-38-48W
ID	33n	nc		K33DT	Boise	43-44-23N/116-08-14W

APPLICATIONS TO CHANGE CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

<u>St.</u>	<u>Ch</u>	<u>ERP</u>	<u>HAAT</u>	<u>Call</u>	<u>City</u>	
NV	4z	51.0	904	KRNV	Reno	39-18-45N/119-53-00W
OH	23+	nc	296	WAKC-TV	Akron	41-03-53N/ 81-34-59W
OH	25z	26.5	W24BC	Steubenville		40-21-59N/ 80-35-22W
PA	56z	nc	503	WLWF-TV	Hazleton	41-11-00N/ 75-52-10W
VT	49-	nc	W49BU	Manchester		43-09-56N/ 73-06-59W
WI	*10+	nc	373	WMVS	Milwaukee	43-05-44N/ 87-54-17W

CHANGES GRANTED TO EXISTING FACILITIES

<u>St.</u>	<u>Ch</u>	<u>ERP</u>	<u>HAAT</u>	<u>Call</u>	<u>City</u>	
AB	6n	nc	CBRT-12	Cardston	(from channel 2)	
BC	5+	0.155	CBCY-TV-2	Smithers		
AR	20z	10.4	K20EX	Batesville		
CA	38+	9.8	K38EA	Los Angeles		34-11-15N/117-41-58W
					(from Woodcrest)	
CA	43-	0.7	K43FM	Salinas		36-45-22N/121-30-05W
					(from K29AB)	
CA	15-	15.0	K15DB	Santa Barbara		
CA	40+	3.7	K40DQ	Tulare		
FL	43z	21.3	W43AY	Naples		
FL	*3z	80	470	WEDU	Tampa	27-50-52N/ 82-15-48W
FL	61z	24.87	WVEA-LP	Tampa		
IA	23+	64.0	K23DM	Des Moines		
KY	67-	400	nc	WAOM	Morehead	38-10-38N/ 83-24-24W
LA	65n	31.36	K65FP	Denham Springs		30-30-23N/ 91-01-54W
MN	33z	24.6	K33FB	Minneapolis		(from K13UT)
MO	24z	11.4	K24DF	Lebanon		
MT	44n	23.22	K44DI	Clyde Park/Emigrant		
NC	57z	14.4	WACN-LP	Apex		
NC	3z	nc	541	WBTV	Charlotte	
NM	21+	10.3	K21FD	Taos		36-23-51N/105-32-34W
					(from K09EQ)	
NY	35z	1.2	W35AQ	Syracuse		
OH	61-	9.3	W61DE	Cincinnati		39-12-01N/ 84-31-22W
					(from W68BP)	
OR	26	1.057	K26FG	Wasco		45-46-53N/120-33-17W
					(from K57CQ)	
PA	57z	5010	357	WPSG	Philadelphia	
SD	50n	nc	nc	K50DG	Brookings	44-18-03N/ 96-46-00W
SK	8z	0.446	CBKST-4	Stanley Mission		
TN	14z	16.4	WIIW-LP	Nashville		36-09-48N/ 86-46-56W
					(from ch. 11, Hendersonville)	
TX	46+	9.7	K46DL	Kingsville		
TX	62n	14.61	K62DG	Lubbock		
UT	55n	0.735	K55BO	Garfield Co.		
UT	63n	4.656	K63AG	Garfield Co.		
UT	59n	0.947	K59BS	Milford		38-31-12N/113-17-18W
UT	30z	1644	1171	KOOG-TV	Ogden	40-39-12N/112-12-06W
UT	3n	0.016	K03AS	Richfield		

Experimental permission has been granted to Houston, TX LPTVs KACY-LP [24] and KHLM-LP [43] to operate as DTV stations.

Changes expired, dismissed, etc.:

CA	K77AV	Palm Springs	FL	W54CL	Sebring	(from ch. 27)
IL	W48CG	Danville	KY	W43BL	Bardstown	
ME	W17BJ	Danforth	NE	K23EO	Lexington	
PA	WXTV-LP[41]	Philadelphia	TX	KBGS-LP[51]	Victoria	
TX	K53CZ	Victoria	VT	W46BW	Burlington	
VT	W19BR	Monkton				

WXTV-LP is still technically licensed to channel 35. They've been operating on 41 under special temporary authorization for several (10?) years, due to WYBE [35]. Yet another application to make the channel 41 operation permanent has been denied. K77AV had applied to move to channel 33; this application has been dismissed at the applicant's request. My assumption is that this means K77AV is going dark.

CHANGES GRANTED TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

<u>St.</u>	<u>Ch</u>	<u>ERP</u>	<u>HAAT</u>	<u>Call</u>	<u>City</u>	
AR	59z	14.0		K59FB	Batesville	
CA	15-	0.32		K15ET	Fresno	
CA	43+	24.46		K20FF	Payne's Creek	40-20-30N/121-56-32W
					(from ch. 20)	
DE	55z	40.84		W55BT	Talleyville	
FL	50+	2.986		W50BP	Panama City	30-10-49N/ 85-42-05W
IA	52+	40.8		K52BH	Ames	
IA	61+	19.1		K61FF	Cedar Rapids	42-02-43N/ 91-38-48W
IA	19-	1.24		K19DX	Iowa Falls	42-20-10N/ 93-28-00W
IA	47+	1.612		K47EK	Iowa Falls	42-20-10N/ 93-28-00W
ID	33n	nc		K33DT	Boise	43-44-23N/116-08-14W
KS	53+	4.8		K53EO	Wichita	37-41-13N/ 97-20-23W
KY	24+	5.94		W24BT	Talbert	37-11-34N/ 83-11-16W
KY	53-	7.48		W53BO	Talbert	37-11-34N/ 83-11-16W
					(from W10CL)	
NM	21n	34.13		K21FE	Albuquerque	35-04-06N/106-46-46W
					(from K68EO; to be bumped by KOAT-DT!)	
NV	31+	1.33		K31DO	Las Vegas	35-56-43N/115-02-32W
NY	33+	30.8		W33BR	Dunkirk	(from W51CN, Forestville)
OK	25z	5.06		KLOT-LP	Tulsa	
SC	44n	20.3		W44AX	Charleston	
TN	66z	14.0		W66CC	Acton	34-59-41N/ 88-31-17W
TX	19+	8.2		K19DW	Dallas	
UT	16z	2000	859	KZAR-TV	Provo	40-16-45N/111-56-00W

The following changes have been granted to the wireless cable system at Batesville, AR:

K28FO	114KW	(ch. 28, from ch. 46 ²)
K30EC	11.6KW	K35EA
K61FP	14.0KW	K65FN

TECHNICAL CHANGES ON THE AIR

NH	*11z	WENH-TV	Durham	unknown.
OH	67z	WOAC	Canton	Move about 15km northwest, major power & tower height increases.
				Still, the new HAAT is only 148m.
PR	13+	WPRV-TV	Fajardo	unknown.
PR	14z	WTIN	Ponce	Move about 25km east-northeast, major power & tower height increases.
TX	36z	KXAN-TV	Austin	Major power increase, moderate tower height decrease.

I've had to omit LPTVs from this category this month, for reasons of space.

NEW STATIONS ON THE AIR

<u>Call:</u>	<u>Ch:</u>	<u>Location:</u>	<u>Power & HAAT:</u>	<u>Coordinates:</u>
K68FB	68+	Phoenix, AZ	85KW	33-29-39N/111-38-28W
K24EP	24+	Prescott, AZ	1.5KW	34-42-17N/112-06-55W
K45ET	45-	Cathedral City, CA	20KW	33-51-58N/116-26-05W
K39EO	39+	Crescent City, CA	30.2KW	41-50-36N/124-07-55W
K68EP	68-	Fresno, CA	59KW	37-04-26N/119-25-52W
K17DI	17+	San Diego, CA	11.9KW	32-41-40N/117-07-17W
KITV	40^	Honolulu, HI	8.5KW/lm	21-17-37N/157-50-34W
K57GQ	57z	Cedar Rapids, IA	0.521KW	41-54-33N/ 91-39-17W
K67GY	67-	Cedar Rapids, IA	0.51KW	41-54-33N/ 91-39-17W
W45BK	45+	Shallotte, NC	13KW	34-02-50N/ 78-16-12W
		(WGGS [16] translator, religious)		
K41CQ	41n	Pahrump, NV	0.674KW	36-12-25N/115-57-35W
W58CX	58-	Saratoga Sprs., NY	37.5KW	42-38-16N/ 73-59-55W
W61CZ	61+	Lima, OH	34.8KW	40-38-03N/ 84-12-29W
K63EU	63z	Corpus Christi, TX	33.2KW	27-47-48N/ 97-23-49W
K50ED	50n	Rankin, TX (TBN)	0.76KW	31-12-42N/102-16-29W
K59FQ	59+	Victoria, TX	1KW	28-46-41N/ 96-57-38W
K46EO	46n	Long Valley Jct., UT	0.364KW	37-30-25N/112-30-37W
K50ES	50n	Tooele, UT	1.35KW	40-39-33N/112-12-08W
W17BR	17+	Augusta Co., VA	16.8KW	38-03-10N/ 79-01-15W

NEW STATIONS ON THE AIR

<u>Call:</u>	<u>Ch:</u>	<u>Location:</u>	<u>Power & HAAT:</u>	<u>Coordinates:</u>
WS4BT	54+	Roanoke, VA	80KW	37-11-35N/ 80-09-29W
W29CB	29n	St. Thomas, VI	35KW	18-21-25N/ 64-58-00W
K25FP	25-	Ellensburg, WA	0.65KW	46-53-13N/120-26-26W
K49EI	49+	Ellensburg, WA	11.7KW	47-16-30N/120-24-15W
K58DP	58-	Seattle, WA	4.07KW	47-36-17N/122-19-16W

STATIONS DELETED/DISMISSED/ETC.

AZ: KXGR [46]	ME: W59DB	OK: K59FZ K64FG
BC: CH2739 [8]	MI: W14CH W21BR	PA: W66CS
CA: K25FO	MO: K17DR	SD: K40EW K47FE
GA: W18BW W30BM	ND: K23EH K42ED K44EM	TX: K18EZ K38EN
HI: K31DT	K46EK K48FT K50EL	VA: W63CN
IA: K30FB	K52FA K54EY	WI: W48CE W62CU
LA: K63FZ	NE: K22FD K30EZ	

KXGR [46]'s application for extension of their CP was denied, and their CP canceled. On the other hand, I've seen information on this station having an affiliation agreement with one of the new networks, so one might expect them to appeal the denial. Don't cross KXGR out of your database yet... The North Dakota permits comprised a wireless-cable operation in Minot.

CALL CHANGES

<u>Was:</u>	<u>Location:</u>	<u>Now:</u>	<u>NEW [38]</u>	<u>Greenville, NC</u>	<u>WAWO</u>
WNAL-TV[44]	Gadsden, AL	WPXH	W66CO	Raleigh, NC	WWIW-LP
KWBF [13]	Flagstaff, AZ	KBPX	WRMY [47]	Rocky Mount, NC	WRPX
K34AV	Fresno, CA	KSDI-LP	WGOT [60]	Merrimack, NH	WIPX
KPNB-TV[31]	Sacramento, CA	KMAX-TV	K63CD	Alamogordo, NM	KVBA-LP
K2KI [30]	S Bernardino, CA	KPKX	W25CF	Albany, NY	WVBG-LP
KLKV-TV[65]	San Jose, CA	KKFX	WODC [55]	Amsterdam, NY	WYPX
KUBD [59]	Denver, CO	KGFX	WAKC-TV[23]	Akron, OH	WVPX
WHAI-TV[43]	Bridgeport, CT	WPXB	WTJC [26]	Springfield, OH	WZPX
WHMM [*32]	Washington, DC	WHUT-TV	KMNZ [62]	Oklahoma City, OK	KOPX
WTGI-TV[61]	Wilmington, DE	WPXP	KGLB-TV[44]	Oklmulgee, OK	KTPX
WBHI [67]	Lake Worth, FL	WPXP	K53EA	Eugene, OR	KAMK-LP
WTLK-TV[14]	Rome, GA	WDPX	WSWB-TV[64]	Scranton, PA	WQPK
K22DX	Caldwell, ID	KCLP-LP	WSJN-TV[24]	San Juan, PR	WJPX
WCCE [13]	Mt. Vernon, IL	WPXS	WOST-TV[69]	Block Is., RI	WPXQ
K23ER	Hammond, LA	WSTY-LP	KINZ [68]	Arlington, TX	KPXD
K36ES	New Orleans, LA	WTNO-LP	KTFH [49]	Conroe, TX	KUPX
WHRK [46]	Norwell, MA	WPBX	KVWB-LP[12]	Logan, UT	KUTN-LP
WHSW-TV[24]	Baltimore, MD	WUTB	NEW [24]	Ogden, UT	KAZG
WILV [43]	Battle Cr., MI	WPXU	WEFC [38]	Roanoke, VA	WPXR
KXLI [41]	St. Cloud, MN	KPKM	KBGE [33]	Bellevue, WA	KWPX
KINB [50]	Kansas City, MO	KPKX	WHKE [55]	Kenosha, WI	WPXE
WAAP [16]	Burlington, NC	WPXK	WSCO [14]	Suring, WI	WPXG
W59CR	Durham, NC	WIWW-LP	WSHE-TV[60]	Martinsburg, WV	WWPX

Again, the stations with "PX" in the calls are part of the new PaxNet network.

PROGRAMMING CHANGES

K39EO	Crescent City, CA	Sold to 3ABN.
K38DU	Sioux City, IA	Sold to religious organization.
W51BU	Indianapolis, IN	To PaxNet.
W65CX	Elizabethtown, KY	Sold to TBN.
K61BS	Gallina, NM	Sold to KOB [4], NBC.
K09LQ	Guadalupita, NM	Sold to KOB [4], NBC.
K11NV	Guadalupita, NM	Sold to KRQE [13], CBS.
K09DZ	Mora, NM	Sold to KOB [4], NBC.
K59ER	Las Vegas, NV	To PaxNet.
K28EU	Laughlin, NV	Sold to KVUU [5], Fox.
WOAC [67]	Canton, OH	to "SAH Acquisition Corp."
WLWG-LP [62]	Columbus, OH	To PaxNet.
W61CZ	Lima, OH	To 3ABN.
K43EK	Portland, OR	To PaxNet.
WWLF [56]	Hazleton, PA	from Fox to WB in June.
KSGI-TV [4]	Cedar City, UT	Sold to KSL [5], NBC.
W29CB	St. Thomas, VI	To 3ABN.
KBGE [33]	Seattle, WA	To PaxNet.
WCGV [24]	Milwaukee, WI	Drops UPN, going independent.

CHRO-TV-43 Ottawa has requested permission to program separately from their primary station CHRO [5] Pembroke during telethons. I suspect (but don't know) that "SAH" stands for "Shop-At-Home", a home-shopping network.

OTHER STUFF

Thanks to John Lentz, Tim Noonan, and Jeff Kitsko, for information appearing elsewhere in this month's column.

We now have an operating commercial DTV station. However, most of our members don't stand any chance of DXing it, as it's in Hawaii! KITV-DT began operation on channel 40 in mid-December. Articles in trade magazines indicate the station carries a three-way multiplex of programming - of course, it's too early for the ABC network to be providing them with any high-definition network programming.

FORUM

Chip Kelley, Texas:

Regarding some items in the December VUD, Chip confirms that KHFT [29] is now a satellite of KASY [50] Albuquerque, a UPN affiliate. KRHD-LP [22] Bryan, TX is not a full translator of KXXV [25]; it will originate some programming locally.

Chip also asks a question. He brought to my attention applications filed by Texas UHFs KETK [56] Jacksonville and KLSB [19] Nacogdoches, to both move to the same 472m tower at 31-54-16N/95-05-07W, between Jacksonville and Rusk. The strange thing about this, is that the stations at least at one time were commonly owned, and KLSB is still a satellite of KETK. While the FCC can now allow commonly-owned radio stations to have overlapping coverage, Congress has not yet given permission to allow this for TV. Chip wonders whether one of the stations has been sold (maybe into a LMA of some kind?), or if it's an FCC typo? I don't know. The licensees listed in the FCC database are different, but I don't remember any transfers of control recently. I think these licensees are both subsidiaries of the same company. (and thus are still covered by the multiple-ownership laws) My suspicion is it's a typo.

Bill Hepburn, Brampton ON:

We have yet another version of the "ON-TV" callsign listings.. Bill saw the "sign-on" announcement on CHCH [11], listing the repeaters throughout the province. Unfortunately, the calls given on the slide don't agree with those in the official Industry Canada database!

<u>Station:</u>	<u>CHCH ID slide:</u>	<u>Industry Canada DB:</u>
Muskoka (Severn Falls) 67	CHCH-TV-2	CHCH-TV-3
Timmins 11	CHCH-TV-3	CHCH-TV-7
London 12 (or 51, or 3?)	not mentioned	CHCH-TV-2

The other four repeater calls agree with the database. Bill speculates the delay in getting the London station on the air (indeed, in finding a channel for it to operate on!) is responsible for the shuffle.

Eric Bueneman, St. Louis MO:

St. Louis' PaxNet affiliate is now on the air. At a Dec. 19 ham club meeting, Eric noted K40FF operating, as a translator of WCEE [13] (WPXS, by the time you read this) Mount Vernon, Illinois. "The signal is much clearer than that of K07TV-7. In fact, I can receive it at semi-local strength at my QTH. K07TV was plagued with QRM from KHQA-7." K40FF is the same license as K07TV, though with the channel change I would imagine the license is just about all they could keep! Eric also notes KMOV [4] has finally gone stereo, after a large influx of investment from A.H. Belo, KMOV's new owners.

73 Doug

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KEY:
 &: satellite programming
 AF: new freq. allocation accepted for filing
 for a new FM license
 AFA: American Family Association
 CC: call change/new calls assigned
 CL: city of license change granted
 CO: new xmtr co-ordinates
 CX: a CP has expired, and is cancelled
 C1,C2, etc: change in class status
 DA: directional antenna
 DE: calls deleted, license returned to FCC
 FC: station format change

GA: granted amendment to table of FM allocations
 GE: station was granted extension of a CP
 GX: granted replacement of expired CP
 LC: filed for license to cover (for new stn.)
 MC: multiple-city legal ID
 NC: no change yet, on a reported pending grant/change.
 ND: non-directional
 NO: station is not on the air
 NS: a new station granted a license
 OSA: one-step application
 NW: new station signs on the air
 PA: proposed amendment to change table of allocations
 PC>: a power change (increase)
 PC<: a power change (decrease)
 PG: power change granted (increase)
 PG<: power change granted (decrease)
 QC: frequency change for this station
 QG: frequency change granted
 RA: station returns to the air
 RE: station requests extension of a CP
 RX: station requests re-instatement of an expired CP
 SG: slogan change or update
 SI: station is silent
 XA: dismissed amendment to the table of FM allocations
 XC: station changes xmtr site
 XG: station granted a transmitter (xmtr) site change



UNITED STATES

ALABAMA:

Birmingham: WRAX107.7 CC (ex WENN) "The X"
 Brantley: WAOQ100.3 NO-GE
 Brewton: WPHG 90.9 NO-GX, PG> 45 kW, 502'
 XG: 31-18-06 / 87-02-44
 Brundidge: WTBF 94.7 PC 14.5 kW, 433 ft, C3
 Chathom: WFOW106.1 NC to 12 kW, 473 ft, RE
 Dothan: WGTF 89.5 PG> 19 kW, 210 ft, DA, C3
 E.Brewton: WGCX 95.7 NO-RE
 Georgiana: *NS 89.3 AF (AFA)
 Pine Hill: *NS 96.7 NO-RE
 Trussville: WENN105.9 CC (ex WRAX)
 Warrior: WBHK 98.7 PG> 9.4 kW, 7125 ft
 C2, XG: 33-29-04 / 86-48-25

ALASKA:

Anchorage: KSKA 91.1 NC to 100 kW, 617, GE
 Valdez: *NS 93.3 AF

ARIZONA:

Clifton: KWRQ102.1 adds Jones classic rock (&) Green Valley: KGMS97.1 PC< 330w, 2417 ft, DA C3, XC: 31-52-37 / 111-12-52
 Hotville: *NS 89.1 100 kW, 656 ft.
 L.Havasu City: KRRK 101.1 CC (ex KBBC)
 Oro Valley: KSJM 97.5 FC to talk/sports // KTUC
 Prescott: KPUB 89.3 LC
 Show Low: KNAA 90.7 LC
 Tuscon: KZPT 104.1 CC (ex KKHG) "The Point"
 Williams: KWMX 96.7 NW, oldies
 Window Rock: KWRK 96.1 FC to adult cont.



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California:

Marysville: KRCX 99.9 CC (ex KSXX)
 Meeker: KAYW 98.1 CC (NS)
 Mendocino: KAKX 89.3 NO-RE, PG> 250w(v), -7
 Mojave: KAVS 97.7 PG> 6 kW, 328 ft.
 Ojai: KKBE 105.5 PG> 310 w, 437 ft
 XG: 34-20-55 / 119-20-13

Pacific Grove: KOCHN105.1 NC to 4.2 kW, 790', GX
 Point Arena: *** 102.3 PA: move to 107.1 - B1

Rancho Mirage: KLOA 99.5 NO-RE
 Ridgecrest: KLOA104.9 NC to 1.5 kW, 1322', GX
 San Fran: KEAR106.9 dec. to 1000 ft
 XG: 37-51-04 / 122-29-50

San Fran: KOIT 96.5 PG< 24 kW, 1574 ft
 San Jose: KBRG100.3 CC (ex KBAY), FC to romantica

Santa Barbara: KLDZ 107.7 NO-GE
 Santa Barbara: K295AH 106.9 on air w/ KMRO 90.3
 Seaside: KISE 103.9 NC to 1.4 kW, 604 ft, CX CP
 Shaffer: KMRM 97.7 PG> 6 kW
 Shaffer: KCOO104.3 CC (ex KLYD) "Cool"
 Shingle Springs: KRRE 101.9 CC (ex KSSJ), FC to romantica (Sacramento)

S.Lake Tahoe: KZZF 102.9 PG> 40 kW, 2886 ft
 class C, XG: 39-18-37 / 119-53-01

Stockton: KQOD100.1 inc. to 328 ft
 XG: 37-59-33 / 121-12-50

Taft: K293AG 106.5 NS-on air // KTLW 88.9
 Truckee: K203CN88.5 80w(v): KUNR 88.7 Reno

COLORADO:

Eckley: *** 95.3 GA: add class C1
 Ft.Morgan: KBRU101.7 drops Spanish
 Fountain: KPRZ 96.1 PG> 1.7 kW, 2198 ft
 XG: 38-44-43 / 104-51-39
 Kremmling: KRKM106.3 FC to classic hits/talk
 Montrose: KAZD 89.1 CC (NS)
 Pagosa Sps: KWTF106.3 FC to WW1 oldies (&)
 Steamboat Sps: KBCR 96.9 PC> 10 kW (h), 666 ft
 C2, XC: 40-27-43 / 106-50-57
 Vail: *NS 88.5 AF

96.9 FM The Bear

CONNECTICUT:

Hartford: WQTQ 89.9 inc. to 115 ft.
 New Haven: WPLR99.1 PC> 15 kW, 905 ft.

DELAWARE:

Laurel: WJNE 95.3 CC (ex WDNO) "Jane"
 Ocean View: WRKE 101.7 adds Doug Banks

FLORIDA:

Apalachicola: WXGJ 105.5 NW, country "Pure Cntry"
 Bellevue: WWKO91.3 CC (NS)
 Carrabelle: WCAF106.5 NO-GE
 Crystal River: WKTK98.5 dec. to 981 ft., C1
 XC: 29-17-03 / 82-39-51
 Englewood: WLTF105.9 CC (ex WEDD)
 Florida City: WMFL 88.5 NO-GE
 Ft. Pierce: WCLB 95.5 drops Howard Stern
 Ft. Pierce: WKGR 98.7 adds Bob & Tom
 Jupiter: WTPX105.5 OSA to C2, 19 kW, 807 ft
 DA, CL: Hobe Sound, FL

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Florida:

Marco: WAWM91.7 CC (NS)
 N.Port Richey: WLPJ 91.5 PC> 22 kW, 230 ft, DA, C3
 Plantation Key: WFKZ 103.1NC to 328', GE
 St.Petersburg: WCOF 107.3dec. to 597 ft.
 Sarasota: WSRZ106.5 PG> 13 kW, 584 ft
 XG: 27-32-42 / 82-34-27
 Sebring: *NS 88.3 AF

GEORGIA:

Chatsworth: WQMT98.9 PG> 6 kW, 312 ft, DA
 XG: 82-49-42 (???) / 84-53-41
 Donaldsonville: *NS107.5 6 kW, 207 ft,
 Douglas: WKZZ 92.5 NO-RE
 Perry: WPGA100.9 PG> 3.3 kW, 446 ft.
 Rome: WQ TU102.3 FC to WW1 soft AC (&)
 Talking Rock: *NS100.1 3.5 kW, 426 ft.
 Thomaston: WTGA101.1 FC to Jones oldies (&)

HAWAII:

Hilo: KCIF 90.3 PG< 850w (v), -692 ft, class A, XG: 19-43-36 / 155-05-29
 Kailua: KRTR 96.3 NC to 2116 ft, GX
 Kailua Kona: K208CU 89.5 NS- KAWZ 88.9 ID
 Lahaina: KPOA 93.5 PC> 72 kW, 2283 ft, DA, class C, XC: 20-39-36 / 156-21-50

IDAHO:

Burley: KBSY 88.5 CC (NS)
 Mountain Home: K273AC 102.5 NS- KAWZ 88.9 ID
 Pocatello: *NS 91.1 410 w, 1043 ft (I.S.U.)

ILLINOIS:

Cairo: *NS 88.5 AF (AFA)
 Columbia: KMJM104.9 CC (ex WIMJ) "Magic"
 Danville: W227AL93.3 NS-13w(v): WPCS 89.5 FL
 DuQuoin: WAWJ 90.1 6 kW (v), 289 ft, AFA CC (NS)

Dwight: WLDC 98.9 PG< 1.3 kW, 489 ft
 XG: 41-02-06 / 88-26-10

Effingham: W202BF88.3 NS-19w: WYFG 89.3 SC

Freeport: WNIE 89.1 NO-GX

Greenup: *NS 89.3 AF

Kankakee: WVLI 95.1 PG< 2.3 kW, 367 ft.

LaSalle: WNIW 91.3 NO-GX

Metropolis: WRIK 98.3 NC to 100 kW, 699 ft, GX

Monticello: WCZO105.5 adds Real Country (&)

Mt. Morris: WSEY 95.7 NO-RE

Pittsfield: *NS 91.7 500 w, 190 ft.

Pontiac: W201BT88.1 NS-55w: WYFG 89.3 SC

Quincy: WQUB 90.3 inc. to 567 ft.

Ramsey: WJLY 93.3 NC to 2550w, 505', GX

Salem: W205BD88.9 NS-38w: WYFG 89.3 SC

Seneca: WJEK 95.7 LC

Sterling: WNIQ 91.5 NO-GX

Tower Hill: WRAN 89.3 LC

Virden: WCVS 96.7 adds Bob & Tom



INDIANA:

Alexandria: WAXT 96.7 FC to adult contemp.
 Anderson: WGNR 97.9 CC (ex WXXP), FC to religion
 Columbus: *NS 90.3 AF
 Danville: WSYW107.1 PG> 1.8 kW
 Elkhart: W210BF 89.9 NS-11w: KEFX
 Evansville: W211AW90.1 NS-20w(v): WPCS 89.5 FL
 Lebanon: *NS 91.1 AF
 Loogootee: WRZR94.1 CC (ex WKMD) "The Razor"
 Portland: WBSJ 91.7 PG to 2 kW, 220 ft.
 Terre Haute: W217AS 91.3 NS-10w(v): WPCS 89.5 FL
 W.Lafayette: WHPL89.9 PC> 2 kW (v), DA

IOWA:

Alta: KBVU 97.5 NW, modern AC (&)
 Anamosa: *** 95.7 GA: add class A
 Asbury: *** 95.5 GA: add class A
 Burlington: K257DR99.3 NS-170w: WGCA 88.5 IL
 Davenport: KCQQ106.5 dec. to 895 ft,
 XG: 41-37-58 / 90-24-38
 Maquoketa: KMAC 95.3 NC to 95.1 6 kW, GE
 Marshalltown: K205CZ 88.9 NS-250w: WYFG 89.3 SC
 Mason City: *NS 88.5 AF (AFA)
 Mt.Pleasant: KAYP89.9 CC (NS)
 Osage City: KWMM 103.7 CC (ex KCZY), FC to WW1
 standards (&) (Mason City)
 Sageville: KIYX 106.1 NO-RE

KANSAS:

Arkansas City: KAXR91.3 250w, 59 ft., AFA CC (NS)
 Colby: *NS 97.9 100 kW, 712 ft.
 Copeland: KHYM103.9 inc. to 751 ft.
 Dodge City: KDGB93.9 NW, classic rock "Ralph"
 Ft.Scott: KVCY104.7 PG> 16 kW, 410 ft, C3
 Hays: KJLS 103.3 XG: 39-01-15 / 99-28-12
 Hill City: KKQY101.9 XG: 39-01-15 / 99-28-12
 Hutchinson: *** 95.9 GA: add class A
 Ottawa: KCHZ 95.7 FC to CHR (Kansas City)
 Plainville: KFIX 96.7 NO-RE
 Salina: KCVS 90.7 QG to 91.7 - C3, PG> 25 kW

KENTUCKY:

Ashland: *NS 91.1 AF
 Carlisle: WVCM100.7 CC (ex WCAK)
 Drakesboro: WNTO103.9 CC (NS)
 Elkhorn City: WPKE103.1 NC to 320w, 1397', GE
 Garrison: WOKE 98.3 NO-RE
 Jamestown: WJRS104.9 adds Jones country (&)
 Madisonville: WKTG93.9 PG< 35 kW, 584 ft
 XG: 37-31-26 / 87-24-11
 Radcliff: WASE103.5 PC< 7.8 kW, 502 ft.
 Somerset: WLLK102.3 PC> 6 kW

LOUISIANA:

Atlanta: *NS 106.5 AF
 Baker: WTGE107.3 FC to oldies (Baton Rouge)
 Bastrop: KAXV 91.9 6 kW, 325 ft, AFA, CC (NS)
 DeQuincy: *NS 89.1 AF
 Donaldsonville: KKAY 104.9 NC to 6 kW, 328 ft, GE
 Folsom: WYLK104.7 adds classic C&W (&)
 Franklin: *** 106.9 GA: add class C3
 (XA to make this class A, from 105.5 - A)
 Hammond: WHMD107.1 FC to a/c (Baton Rouge)
 Jackson: WBJJ 104.5 NO-RE
 Jena: KAVT 88.1 CC (NS)
 Jonesboro: KTOD104.9 reported SI
 Lake Charles: *NS 105.1 6 kW, 328 ft.

10: KMDL 97.3 PC> 38 kW, 561 ft.

Louisiana:

Lacombe: WYLA 94.7 adds classic CW (&) (N.O.)
 Lafayette: K224CO92.7 NS-245w(v): WPCS 89.5 FL
 Lake Charles: KBIU 103.7 inc. to 489 ft
 XC: 30-14-41 / 93-20-38
 Natchitoches: KZBL100.7 QC from 95.9
 Norco: *NS 91.1 AF
 White Castle: *** 106.9 XA to add class A

**MAINE:**

Freeport: WMSJ 89.3 NW, cont. Christian, CC (NS)
 Harpswell: WYFP 91.9 FC to BBN religion
 CC (ex WMSJ)
 Houlton: WHOU100.1 PC> 9.6 kW, 525 ft.
 Isleboro: *NS 105.5 NO-RE
 Lincoln: WMHX105.7 PC< 48 kW, 466 ft
 XC: 45-20-38 / 68-30-24 (changes to non-commercial)

MARYLAND:

Federalsburg: WTDK 107.1 FC to WW1 oldies (&)
 Leonardtown: *NS 91.7 50 kW, 292 ft, DA
 Morningside: WPGC95.5 adds Ed Lover / Dr.Dre
 (overnights) (Washington D.C.)
 Ocean City: WSDL90.7 C C (N S)
 Pocomoke City: *NS92.56 kW, 328 ft.

MASSACHUSETTS:

Pramingham: WROR105.7 PC> 22.5 kW (v), 735 ft
 DA, XC: 42-20-50 / 71-04-59
 Northampton: WEIB106.3 PG> 5.8 kW, 381 ft
 XG: 42-22-25 / 72-40-26
 Woods Hole: WCAI90.1 CC (ex WHMV)

MICHIGAN:

Alpena: WHSB107.7 NC to 100 kW, 610', GX
 Bronson: WCVM 94.7 NO-GE
 Brooklyn: WKHM105.3 FC to hot AC
 Burton: *NS 89.7 AF
 Detroit: WXDG105.1 CC (ex WQRS) "The Edge"
 Fife Lake: *NS 95.9 AF
 Glen Arbor: WGFN 98.1 PC> 21 kW, 738 ft, C2
 XC: 44-16-16 / 85-59-47
 Harbor Sps: WCMW103.9 PC< 12 kW, 1000 ft
 XC: 45-30-08 / 85-01-44
 Harrisville: *NS 89.7 AF

Lake City: WNHB104.9 NO-CX-DE
 L'Anse: WCUP106.1 LC
 Leland: WBYB 94.3 CC (ex WIAR), FC to
 country "B-94.3" (Traverse City)
 Rose Twp: *NS 89.7 AF
 Tawas City: WHST107.3 CX CP for 106.1 - C3
 Tawas City: WKJC104.7 XC: 44-24-48 / 83-37-14
 Traverse City: WNMC 90.7 QC from 90.9, PC> 600w
 538 ft, XC: 44-46-36 / 85-41-02

**FMNEWS****MINNESOTA:**

Bemidji: *NS 95.5 100 kW, 528 ft.
 Cambridge: KZNT 105.3 CC (ex KXXU) "The Zone"
 Deer River: *NS 105.5 100 kW, 508 ft.
 Eden Prairie: KZN105.7 CC (ex KXXR) "The Zone"
 Grand Marais: WXXZ 95.3 NO-GX
 Hutchinson: *** 95.9 GA: add class A
 LaCrescent: KQEG102.7 PC> 3.6 kW
 Lakeville: KZNR105.1 CC (ex KXXP) "The Zone"
 Madison: KLQP 92.1 PG> 25 kW, class C3
 Minneapolis: KBEM88.5 PG> 2.9 kW, 479 ft
 DA, XG: 44-59-54 / 93-11-18
 Minneapolis: KXXR93.7 CC (ex KEGE)

MISSISSIPPI:

Bay Springs: WIZK93.5 QC from 94.3, CX CP For
 328' (but has PG for 50 kW, 410 ft.)
 Belzoni: WBYP107.1 PG> 18 kW, 390 ft
 XG: 33-03-04 / 90-37-51
 Belzoni: WGNG106.3 PA: to CL: Tchula, MS - C3
 Burnsville: *NS 91.9 18 kW, 676 ft.
 Clarksdale: WKDJ 96.5 adds WW1 country (&)
 Grenada: WQXB100.1 NC to 24.5 kW, 708', GE
 Gulfport: WGCM102.3 PC< 16 kW, 358 ft
 XC: 30-27-30 / 89-04-46
 Hattiesburg: WXRR104.5 inc. to 981 ft.

Iuka: K226AJ 93.1 NS-19w: WMXX 103.1 TN
 Kosciusko: *NS 103.3 AF
 Liberty: *NS 107.7 AF
 Quitman: WYKK 98.9 PC> 25 kW, 315 ft, C3
 Sumrall: WJSJ 97.3 LC
 Yazoo City: WMGO93.1 CC (NS)

MISSOURI:

Branson: KLFC 88.1 inc. to 390 ft.
 Canton: KRRY100.9 PG> 50 kW, 302 ft, C2
 XG: 40-07-33 / 40-31-41
 Gideon: *** 103.9 GA: add class A
 Jefferson City: KJMO 100.1 FC to soft AC "Kiss 100.1"
 Mountain View: KUPH 96.9 CC (ex KCUF)
 Owensville: *NS 95.3 3.5 kW, 426 ft.
 Pleasant Hope: KTOZ 95.5 PG< 44 kW, 522 ft,
 XG: 37-13-25 / 93-14-30

Sikeston: KBXB 97.9 PC> 50 kW, class C2
 Vienna: *NS 90.9 AF
 Waynesville: KJPW 102.3 PC> 2650w, 492 ft.

MONTANA:

Baker: *NS 100.5 AF
 Billings: K259AN99.7 NS-KEAR 106.9 CA
 Black Eagle: K272DU 102.3 NS-KEAR 106.9 CA
 Columbia Falls: KKMT 95.9 NW, AC "The Mountain"
 Hamilton: *NS 98.1 13.5 kW, 426 ft.
 Hamilton: KUFN 91.9 NO-GE
 Kalispell: *NS 88.7 AF
 Missoula: *NS 88.3 AF
 Plains: *NS 91.5 500 w, 4041 ft.

NEBRASKA:

Hastings: KFKX 90.1 LC
 Hubbard: KAYA 91.3 LC
 Imperial: *NS 102.9 AF
 Nebraska City: KESY 97.7 CC (ex KOSJ),
 FC to soft AC (Omaha)
 Omaha: KESY104.5 NC? FC to hot AC or modern
 AC format (per Omaha newspaper)
 Sidney: KSID 98.7 drops Rush Limbaugh

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Beatty: *NS 100.3 AF
 Mesquite: *** 96.7 GA: add class C
 Smith: *NS 92.3 AF

NEW HAMPSHIRE:

Nashua: *NS 88.3 AF
 Peterborough: *NS 88.1 AF

NEW JERSEY:

Atlantic City: WMGM103.7 XC: 39-23-24 / 74-30-45
 Cape May: WSJL102.3 FC to smooth jazz (&)//WSAX
 Cape May CH: WNJJ 90.3 NO-GE
 Manahawkin: WNJO 105.7 NO-GE, PG> 6.3 kW
 523 ft, DA, XG: 39-45-06 / 74-15-39, CC (ex WAQB)
 Pleasantville: WSAX99.3 CC (ex WMID), FC to smooth
 jazz (&) (Atlantic City) SG "Sax"
 Pt.Republic: *NS 88.3 AF
 Tuckerton: WBHX 99.7 NO-RX
 Villas: WFNN 98.7 FC to classic rock (Cape May)

NEW MEXICO:

Alamogordo: *NS 107.9 AF
 Kirtland: *NS 102.9 AF

NEW YORK:

Amherst: *** 92.1 GA: add class A
 Buffalo: WEDG103.3 will run Buffalo Bills games
 Buffalo: WGRF 96.9 Buffalo Bills // WEDG 103.3
 Eagle Bridge: *NS 88.1 AF
 Elmira: WENY 92.7 NC to 1.2 kW, 715', GX
 Fenner: *NS 90.5 AF
 Geneva: W212BA90.3 NS-88w: WEOS 89.7
 Hague: WWFY 93.7 CC (NS)
 Ithaca: WQNY103.7 NC to 15.5 kW, 879', RE
 Kenne: W209AZ89.7 NS-10w(h): WSLL 90.9
 Liberty: WGWR88.1 LC
 Lockport: *** 92.1 XA: add class A
 Newburgh: WGNY103.1 PG> 6 kW, 279 ft,
 XG: 41-28-25 / 74-08-22
 Ogdensburg: WZEA98.7 NO-RE
 Rensselaerville: WGKP 89.9 NO-RE
 Southhampton: WRLI91.3 NO-GE
 Weathersfield Twp: WNUC 107.7 PC> 18 kW, DA
 Windsor: *** 106.7 GA: add class A

NORTH CAROLINA:

Ayden: W220BW91.9 NS-250w(v): WOTJ 90.7
 Boone: W298AJ107.5 NS-10w: WBFJ 89.3
 Burlington: W279AK103.7 NS-13w: WBFJ 89.3
 Eden: W291AN106.1 NS-20w: WBFJ 89.3
 Hatteras: *NS 94.5 100 kW, 981 ft, DA
 Mocksville: W267AM101.3 NS-120w: WBFJ 89.3
 Roanoke Rapids: WZRU 88.5 PC> 35 kW (h)
 Robbinsville: WCVP 95.9 PG> 120 watts
 Salisbury: WEND106.5 PC< 65 kW, 1046 ft, C1
 XC: 35-35-32 / 80-37-44
 Semora: WPXX106.7 OSA to C2, 50 kW, 492 ft.
 Swan Quarter: WHYC 88.5 inc. to 262 ft
 XG: 35-26-27 / 76-13-19
 Warrenton: WXNC107.3 NO-RE

NORTH DAKOTA:

Bismarck: KACL 98.7 NC to 830 ft, GX
 Bismarck: KCND 90.5 PC< 50 kW, 1217', C1
 Minot: KMPR 88.9 PC< 50 kW, 928', C1
 Williston: KYYZ 96.1 FC to country

OHIO:

Athens: WJKW 95.9 PG> 5.1 kW, 354 ft
 DA, XG: 39-13-57 / 82-03-54

Athens: WXTQ105.5 PC> 6 kW, 312'

Columbus: WCKX107.5 CC (ex WJZA), FC
 to urban

Delhi Hills: WJYC 90.1 NO-GE

Englewood: WBTT94.5 PG< 2.8 kW, 482 ft, DA
 XG: 39-44-12 / 84-09-25

Kent: WKSU 89.7 PG< 14.5 kW, 909 ft, DA
 XG: 41-04-58 / 81-38-02

Lebanon: WMMA97.3 adds Bob & Sheri

London: WMXG106.3 CC (ex WCKX), FC to
 urban AC "Mix" (Columbus)

Marysville: WHQK105.7 FC to classic hits "Fox"

Piketon: WXZQ100.1 NW, MC1 CHR (8)

Westerville: *NS 103.9 NO-RX

Zanesville: *NS 91.7 6 kW, 276 ft, DA

OKLAHOMA:

Ada: *NS 88.7 AF (AFA)
 Ada: KADA 99.3 QC from 96.7? Noted on
 this new freq. by a reporter

Ardmore: KLCU 90.3 CC (NS)

Bethany: KNTL 104.9 FC to jazz // KTNT 97.9

Coalgate: KAZE 105.5 CC (NS)

Collinsville: KMRX101.5 CC (ex KQSY)

Comanche: KDDQ 96.7 QG to 97.1, inc. 302 ft, DA

Enid: K221DU92.1 NS-170w(v): WPCS FL

Lawton: KMGZ 95.3 NC to 14 kW, 312', GE

Pawhuska: KTGP103.9 LC

Tishomingo: KAZC 88.3 CC (NS)

Wewoka: KWSH104.7 PC to 1.7 kW, 505 ft.

OREGON:

Hermiston: KQFM 99.3 FC to oldies

PA: to 99.5 - A

Milton-Freewater: KLRF 88.5 CC (NS)

Seaside: KULU 98.9 NO-RE

Tillamook: KJUN 94.1 950 w, 745 ft, CC (NS)

PENNSYLVANIA:

Benton: WGGI 95.9 CC (ex WKXP) "Froggy"

Franklin: WAWN89.5 1 kW, 315 ft, AFA, CC (NS)

Johnstown: WQEJ 89.7 NW, classical // WQED 89.3

Red Lion: WTHM 96.1 CC (ex WGCB)

Village Green: W278AK 103.5 NS-80w,
 DA: WXHL 89.1 DE

York: *NS 88.7 AF

RHODE ISLAND:

Providence: WHJY 94.1 inc. to 456 ft.

SOUTH CAROLINA:

Charleston: WLCL100.5 FC to modern AC "Alice"
 CC (ex WSUY)

Charleston: WSUY 96.9 CC (ex WJZK) "Sunny 96.9"

Clemson: WCCP104.9 FC to 1-on-1 sports (&)

Cross Hill: *NS 94.1 AF

Murrell's Inlet: WHGB 88.3 LC

Orangeburg: WKSQ103.9 NC to 9.2 kW, 531 ft, RE

SOUTH DAKOTA:

Sioux Falls: KKLS104.7 FC to CHR "Hot 104.7"
 increase to 974 ft.
 Sioux Falls: *NS 90.1 AF (AFA)
 Sioux Falls: KMXC97.3 PG> 100 kW, 974 ft
 XG: 43-43-46 / 97-05-10

Winner: KWYR 93.7 FC to Jones a/c (&)

TENNESSEE:

Brownsville: *NS 88.3 AF
 Clinton: WYFC 95.3 PG> 1,450 watts
 Columbia: WKOM101.7 PC> 4.1 kW, 387 ft.
 XC: 35-37-05 / 87-02-33
 Dickson: WYYB 93.7 FC to Americana format
 "The Phoenix" (Nashville)
 Gallatin: WLAC104.5 PG< 38 kW (cir), 1424 ft, DA
 CC (ex WGFX), FC to AC "Star"

Germantown: WKL107.5 CC (ex WJQI)

Graysville: WAYB 95.7 PG> 6 kW, 328 ft, DA

XG: 35-24-39 / 85-07-54

Jamestown: WCLC105.1 NC to 2850w, 476 ft, RE

Lawrenceburg: WAWL 89.7 CC (NS)

Lockwood Lake: W214AU 90.7 NS-WPCS 89.5 FL

Maryville: WGAP 95.7 PG> 6 kW, 321 ft.

Memphis: WEVL 89.9 PC< 9.3 kW, 285 ft,

XC: 35-07-46 / 89-45-30

Mt. Juliet: WNPL106.7 NW, urban AC (Nashville)

Nashville: WGFX105.9 CC (ex WLAC), FC to
 classic hits, will no longer carry the Tennessee

Oilers NFL team (they move to AM)

Portland: *NS 91.5 AF

Savannah: *NS 88.1 AF

Springfield: WDBL 94.3 adds Americana (// WYYB

93.7) noon to 7 pm

Winchester: W239AE 95.7 NS-WYFD 91.7 AL

TEXAS:

Amarillo: K217CU91.3 NS-25w(v): WPCS 89.5 FL
 Beaumont: KAYD 97.5 dec. to 469 ft.

Bishop: KFLZ 106.9 FC to One-on-One sports (&)

Breckenridge: KLXK93.5 PG> 38 kW, 561 ft, C2

XG: 32-50-19 / 98-40-07

Bridgeport: KBQO 98.3 QC from 96.7

Brownwood: *NS 91.7 290 w, 571 ft.

Burkburnett: KYYI 104.7 FC to classic rock

"The Bear"

Centerville: KAJG 103.1 NO-RE

Clarendon: KEFH 99.3 dec. to 282 ft

XG: 35-04-41 / 100-53-30

Corpus Christi: KLTG 96.5 FC to classic hits "K-Lite"

Dimmitt: KNNK100.5 N O - G E

Electra: *NS 94.9 NO-GE

El Paso: KVER 91.1 PC> 510 watts

Falfurrias: KPSO106.3 drops religion

Falfurrias: *NS 103.3 3 kW, 328 ft.

Farmersville: *NS 92.1 AF

Ft. Worth: KEGL 97.1 CX CP for 1673 ft

XC: 32-35-05 / 96-57-46

Ganado: KZAM104.7 LC

Goldsmith: *** 94.7 GA: add class A

Hebronville: KAZF 91.9 CC (NS)

Hempstead: KEZB 105.3 NO-GE

Hooks: KTHN 95.9 CC (ex KLLI) "Thunder 95.9"

Houston: KPFT 90.1 PC< 28 kW 672 ft, C1

Huntsville: KAXF 88.3 PG> 28 kW (v), 522 ft, C2

Inglewood: KCCG107.3 CC (ex KAHX), FC to oldies

FM NEWS**Texas:**

Kermit: K218CM91.5 NS-50w: WAFR 88.3 MS
 Kerrville: *NS 88.7 1 kW, 341 ft, AFA
 Kerrville: *NS 91.1 300 w, 207 ft.
 Kerrville: *** 106.1 PA: add class A
 Lexington: *** 105.1 XA to add class A
 Markham: *NS 92.5 3.6 kW, 426 ft, DA
 Midland: *NS 90.1 AF
 Muenster: KXGM106.5 adds Daybreak USA
 Navasota: KMBV 92.5 PG< 2.5 kW, 459 ft
 XG: 30-30-05 / 96-11-06
 Pecos: KKLY 97.3 PA: to CL: Wink, TX, C1
 Pilot Point: KTCY 104.9 FC to religion "Praise 104.9"
 more teaching, and talk, instead of gospel music
 Plainview: KHDY106.9 NO-GE
 Pt.Comfort: KAJI 94.1 NO-GE
 Refugio: KZTX 106.1 reported SI (C.Christi)
 Round Rock: K286AK 105.1 NS-225w(h): KXPZ 91.3
 San Diego: KUKA105.9 NC to 14 kW (cir), 440', CX
 CP
 Seabrook: KRTS 92.1 NC to 100 kW, 981 ft, GE
 Sulphur Spgs: KDXE95.9 FC to gold based AC
 Waelder: *** 96.5 XA to add class A
 Yorktown: *** 96.3 GA: Add class A
 Zapata: *NS 93.5 6 kW, 328 ft.



RADIO VARIÉTÉES

UTAH:

Anabella: K211DH90.1 NS-10w(v): KUER 90.1
 Logan: KVFX 94.5 CC (ex KVFM) "The Fox"
 Roy: KSNU107.9 CC (ex KRKR)
 Spanish Fork: KBKK106.5 FC to soft AC (SLC)
 Tooele: KMGR 92.1 FC to oldies (SLC)

VERMONT:

Brandon: WADT101.9 NO-GE
 Burlington: WVPS107.9 NC to 50 kW, 2644', GX

Marlboro: WSSH101.5 NC to 2.6 kW, 344', GE

VIRGINIA:

Ashland: *NS 88.1 AF
 Blackstone: WBBC 93.5 PC> 17.5 kW, 394', C3
 Bowling Green: WLMN 96.9 NO-RE
 Fancy Gap: W276BA103.1 NS-10w: WBFJ 89.3 NC
 Luray: WLCC105.7 PG< 135w, 2053 ft
 XG: 38-36-05 / 78-37-57

Pulaski: WPSK107.1 adds Jones county (&)

Radford: WRIQ101.7 FC to soft AC "Easy 101"

Richmond: *NS 88.1 AF (AFA)

Roanoke: WRDJ104.9 PC> 3.1 kW, 925 ft, C3
 XC: 37-22-23 / 79-55-40

Strasburg: WBPP104.9 PC> 4.1 kW, 220 ft.

Warrenton: WTOP 94.3 PC> 4 kW, 403 ft.

Wise: WCVC 90.5 CC (NS)

WASHINGTON:

Clarkston: *NS 88.1 AF
 Dayton: KZZM102.3 PC to 570w, 1056 ft
 XC: 46-09-04 / 117-53-48

Ellensburg: *NS 88.9 2 kW, -472 ft.

Ephrata: KULE 95.9 NC to 92.3 C2, RE

Gig Harbor: K283AH104.5 NS-15w: KGHP 89.9

Omak: KQWS 90.1 CC (NS)

Royal City: KRCW 96.3 NC to 800w, GE

Walla Walla: KUJ 99.1 PC 2.1 kW, 1125 ft.

PA: from class C3 to C2

Wilson Creek: KVYF 103.3 RA with classic rock

WEST VIRGINIA:

Huntington: WMUL 88.1 PG> 9 kW, -39 ft
 DA, class B1

Hurricane: *NS 91.1 AF

Hurricane: *NS 91.5 AF

Nimitz: W244BF 96.7 NS-10w(v): WMLJ 90.5

Parkersburg: WAUA 89.5LC

Pt.Pleasant: *NS 88.1 3 kW, 289 ft, DA

St.Mary's: *** 105.3 PA: add class A

WISCONSIN:

Altoona: WISM 98.1 PC to modern rock (E.Claire)

Brookfield: WPNT106.9 CC (ex WXPT) "The Point"

Hawthorne: *** 106.5 XA to add class A

Mayville: WMVM98.7 NO-GX

Milwaukee: WLUM102.1 PC< 3.8 kW, 207 ft, non-dir

Nekoosa: WXE 93.9 NO-GE

Oshkosh: W239AD95.7 NS-38w: WPFF 90.5

Racine: WEZY 92.1 FC to soft AC

Sister Bay: *NS 89.7 3.4 kW, 538 ft.

Wausau: WCLQ 89.5 PC> 8.5 kW, C3

Whitewater: WKCH106.5 NW, oldies/talk // WFAW

WYOMING:

Buffalo: *NS 90.5 AF (U of Wyo)

Casper: KQLT103.7 NC to 100 kW, 1860', GX

Evanston: KOTB106.1 QC from 106.3, PC> 380w, C3

Glendo: *NS 100.1 AF

Midwest: *NS 107.9 AF

Newcastle: KUWN 90.5 LC

Thermopolis: *NS101.7 AF

NEW BRUNSWICK:

Big Cove: CFTI ? PG< 50 wanted, QG to 101.1

St. John: CHSJ 94.? QC from AM 700 coming. The
 AM is still on, heard IDing as "Country 94"

MANITOBA:

Steinbach: *NS 96.7 50 kW, English stn wanted

Winnipeg: CKMM103.1 FC to hot AC "Hot 103"

NEW BRUNSWICK:

Big Cove: CFTI ? PG< 50 wanted, QG to 101.1

St. John: CHSJ 94.? QC from AM 700 coming. The
 AM is still on, heard IDing as "Country 94"

ONTARIO:

Chapleau: *NS 100.7 130 w English stn wanted

Killaloe: *NS 102.9 new 33 w English stn wanted

Lindsay: CKLY 910 QG to 91.9, 14 kW

Ontario:

Neapan: *NS 97.1 50 watts app for "English/French speciality" stn (marching bands, pop, etc.)
 Niagara-on-the-Lake: *NS 90.7 1.3 w: tourist info
 Orangeville: CICD103.5 wants PG<30.7 kW and XG 11.2 east of Orangeville City Hall

Wawa: *NS 107.1 210 watt. English stn wanted
QUÉBEC:

Armagh: CFIN-1 103.9 PG<1.39 kW
 Chicoutimi: CBJE 107.9 wants PG<30 kW, QG 102.7

Lenoxville: CJMQ ? PG<500 watts
 Ville St.Laurent, Dorval, Point-Claire, Lachine:

*NS 89.7 0.5 watts, all four locations with this freq and power, for bilingual Montréal airport info, parking, and traffic information stations.

1340AM 96.3FM 93.5PM



Yarmouth Co. Sheldene Co. Digby Co.
 Nova Scotia

YUKON:

Beaver Creek: CKYN96.1 NO-CX-DE
 Carcross: CKYN- 96.1 NO-CX-DE
 Dawson City: CKYN- 96.1 NO-CX-DE
 Dawson City: CKYN-96.9 NO-CX-DE
 Haines Jct: CKYN- 96.1 NO-CX-DE
 Watson Lake: CKYN-96.1 NO-CX-DE
 Whitehorse: CKYN- 96.1 NO-CX-DE



MÉXICO

QUINTANA ROO:

Cuzomel: XH? 89.9 SG "Sol Stereo"
SONORA:

Hermosillo: XHHLL 90.7 SG "La Caliente"
 Hermosillo: XH? 92.3 SG "Que Buena"
 Hermosillo: XHMV 93.9 SG "Z93"
 Hermosillo: XHHB 94.7 SG "Radio Sonora"
 Hermosillo: XH? 96.3 SG "Maxima"
 Hermosillo: XH? 98.5 SG "La Comadre"
 Hermosillo: XHSD100.5 SG "Stereo 100"
 Hermosillo: XH? 105.1 SG "La Picuda"

**PIRATE WATCH:**

Anchorage, Alaska: 10-watt "Free Radio Spenard" (93.1) had been covering a good part of the city, from the "Old Firehouse Cafe". After a visit from the FCC, the station was taken off the air voluntarily by the operators.

Santa Barbara, Calif.: "Santa Barbara's Private Radio Station" and "KPRV" which had been operating on 102.3, has moved to 107.7. There is a CP for a new station on that freq., KLDZ, so this could be a problem. In fact, there may have already been an assurance with this station, as it hasn't been noted since January 5th.

Louisville, Kentucky: Reports in the *Courier-Journal* indicate that a 93.9 pirate is covering most of the eastern part of the city, with big band, Latin, and classical music.

Doug Smith sends info on applications for new digital FM stations to serve Toronto. All powers requested by all applicants are 5,084 watts. Below is the list of frequencies (MHz), with the call letters of the competing applicants listed:

1456.304 MHz: CHUM-AM, CHUM-FM, CFTR-AM, CHFI-FM, CFNY-FM
 1458.048 MHz: CFRB-AM, CKFM-FM, CJCL-AM, CJEZ-FM, CJRT-FM
 1461.536 MHz: CJBC-AM, CJBC-FM, CBL-AM/FM
 1465.024 MHz: CISS-FM, CHIN-AM, CHIN-FM, CHOG-AM, CILQ-FM

Thanks as usual to *M Street Journal* for providing timely, accurate information for this column, and for their continued assistance to WFTDA! Others who contributed to FM News this month are: Steve Ryan, Fernando Garcia, Chip Kelley, Keith Smith, Ernie Wesolowski, Dennis Smith, and the participants of the Internet AMFMVTDX list run by Grove, and Saul Chernos' "DXLIST".

Keith Smith writes about the controversy between WKRK Detroit and WBZU Delta/Toledo mentioned in a previous FM NEWS. He notes that the stations serve separate markets, and wonders if WBZU can legally force the show off of WKRK. I don't think it is a legal issue but one of "franchising". The way I understand it, if you sign up into a franchise, the franchisee is guaranteeing you "exclusivity" in your area. If you open a Burger King, BK isn't going to license one across the street from you then. WBZU felt that WKRK's coverage area infringes on their coverage area, violating their franchise agreement. That said, I agree that this is a stretch on WBZU's part, since the two stations serve two separate markets. WBZU obviously would have a better case if Stern showed up on a 2nd Toledo station! Keith is probably right about this, as Stern is still on WKRK!

Regarding the stations in Georgia mentioned a few months ago that were mistakenly cancelled by the FCC, the license problems have been ironed out by the FCC and everything is back to normal for those stations' files.

A federal judge in Camden, New Jersey has overturned the FCC's restrictions on casino advertising. This is in addition to similar rulings from courts in Nevada and San Francisco. A beneficiary from the ruling, Players International, also had claimed discrimination, because many of the casinos in the area are run by Native Americans. The rules forbid any mention of gambling at the casinos,

or the "sounds" of casinos (bells ringing, etc.). So casino ads cleverly avoided mentioning this, talking about everything else but (marquee entertainers, food, parking, etc.) I have heard similar ads here in Buffalo for the new Casino Niagara in Niagara Falls, Ontario talking about parking, entertainment, etc. "but we can't mention the real reason you want to come here" type ads. So stations licensed to NJ in the east and CA, OR, WA, AZ, MT, ID, NV, AK, HI, and Guam out west are not subject to the FCC Gaming rules.

Another update on the 96.5 story in Asheville, N.C.. If you recall early last year, two separate stations were operating on that frequency, both feeling they had a legitimate claim to the spot. Finally, the FCC ruled in favor of Biltmore Forest (WZRQ) over Zeb Lee's Orion Communications (WZLS). Well, the D.C. Circuit of Appeals has reversed that decision, saying that the FCC "abused its discretion and acted arbitrarily and capriciously." Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) had taken a public stance in favor of Zeb Lee, and this incident even played a role in the confirmation hearings of new FCC chairman Bill Kennard. (This was just after Helms gained national attention for his staunch opposition of William Weld to the Mexican Ambassadorship). I have heard mention of this 96.5 saga in the "mainstream" media, so this is a fairly big story. As far as we call tell, WZRQ is still on the frequency, but we'll keep you posted!



If you have not heard CKWF 101.5 from Peterborough, Ontario recently, it is because they have been on low power for quite some time thanks to ice damage, incurred on January 1st. No word on when they will return. On January 13th, CKWF had to be evacuated because technicians noted that the tower was swaying! I am sure there are more incidences of tower damage after the series of ice storms plaguing the Northeast U.S., Ontario, and Québec.

Fernando Garcia points out a typo in the January column: Monterey is in the state of Nuevo Leon, not Nuevo Laredo. The latter is just a city, in the state of Tamaulipas. I did know this so I can't explain what made me type Nuevo Laredo last month. Sorry for any confusion!

Dan Cashin sends information about the 11th Annual Winter SWL Festival. This year it will be held March 12-14 at the Holiday Inn, on Sumneytown Pike, in Kulpstown, PA. There are a variety of registration options:

FULL: forums, hospitality room, lunch, banquet: \$40

PARTIAL: forums, room, but no meals \$17

SPOUSE: room and meals \$22

GRAND PRIZE: to be announced. If you register by February 12th, you have a chance to win a free SW portable. It is also requested that you bring items for a silent auction. Proceeds are donated to charity. Make checks payable to WINTER SWL FEST, at P.O. Box 591, Colmar, PA 18915, and indicate if you want roast beef or chicken, and if you want to purchase any raffle tickets (\$1 each, 6 for \$5, or 13 for \$10)

11th Annual Winter SWL Festival

March 12-14, 1998

Holiday Inn
 Sumneytown Pike
 Kulpsville, Pennsylvania

"Yeah, but ours
 go up to eleven..."

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Address _____

City _____ E-Mail _____

Circle: FULL PARTIAL SPOUSE (Spouse Name) _____ Registration Fee Enclosed \$ _____

Banquet - Check Roast Beef Chicken Registration Fee Enclosed \$ _____

I wish to purchase _____ raffle tickets Tickets Fee Enclosed \$ _____

(\$1 ea. / 6 for \$5 / Special 13 for \$10) Total check/money order enclosed \$ _____

Registration cancellations after 2/28/98 cannot be refunded, however we will refund raffle ticket money if you have to cancel.

Registration verifications can only be made if you supply an email address! Sorry if this is an inconvenience.



SATELLITE NEWS

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Welcome to another column. Mostly up-dates this time around. A tremendous vote of thanks to Steven Sprachman in New York for his great assistance in trying to determine all of the incredible changes in the digital areas. I couldn't do it alone - it takes more than just me to monitor all of the continuing new digital channel light-ups.

Here goes the changes:

Satcom C3 -

583 - Court TV in the open

Galaxy 9 -

750 - FLIX - West

820 - 859 - new digital music service

ANIK E2 Ku-Band - all digital changes - additions

251 - Star Choice Channel List

310 - CTV

360 - Atlantic Satellite Network

361 - CITV - Toronto

400 - TSN - The Sports Network

421 - Country Music Television - Canada

409 - The Golf Channel

451 - Life Network

454 - Showcase EaST

455 - Showcase West

502 - Teletoon - East

503 - Teletoon - West

511 - Family West

590 - Space Imagination Station

601 - The Movie Network 2

602 - The Movie Network 3

603 - The Movie Network 4

611 - SuperChannel

620 - Movie Pix

630 - Movie Pix

730 - T V A

731 - Canal D

732 - Canal Vie

745 - Tele Quebec

771 - Teletoon - French

781 - Le Canal De Nouvelles ???

Thanks to Steven for 99% of the above Anik items

G E Americom 1 -

606 - PBS

753 - H-TV - Hispanic Videos

754 - Outdoor Life - US

756 - Hispanic Audio Service of some sort

GALAXY 7 -

580 - Bloomberg Television

600 - Ovation - my guess, Steven

601 - Kaleidescope

602 - ?

800 - The Box

G E Americom 3 -

PBS Ku-Band digital feeds remain on 600 - 605

G E Americom 2 -

5 - N A S A Feeds

Spacenet 3 -

13 - Daystar Television Network - Infomercials

That's all for this month - see you in 30 - "73's

George



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UHF TV covers channels 14-69. The frequency is much higher than VHF. This higher frequency means two important things, first, the antennas will be physically smaller and second, the wire we use to bring the signal from the antenna to the set can reduce the signal level very quickly when using long runs to your set.

Let's look at the cable first. The best choice you can make is to buy a premium quality, 100% foil shielded, coaxial cable. The old "twin lead" won't do. The connectors for this cable are called "F" type, proper installation requires a "crimping tool" to insure good mechanical contact.

Transformers. Connections on your TV and antenna are standardized and either end maybe different. The two types are: 75 ohm, which accepts the "F" type connector directly from coaxial cable. The second type is 300 ohm, which has 2 screw heads spread about one inch apart. In order to maximize signal transfer from your antenna/cable/set the transition from an "F" fitting to the screw terminals (or old flat lead hook up) requires a "300:75 ohm balun transformer." These transformers will work in either direction, the antenna or set, it makes no difference. When purchasing these be sure they are rated for VHF/UHF use.

Recently we have all begun tuning in UHF stations, those TV channels that used to be vacant. The change in viewing habits has brought many of us to the back of our sets, wondering what to do next. Recommend one appropriately rated. I recommend that the selection should error on the high side, a little larger antenna is better. If your plans are to add a second television set, or if the coax length is excessive (over 75' or so) again, purchase the next larger antenna size.

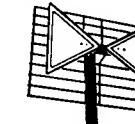
Guideline: If you are going to install your own system, I recommend you purchase the equipment from a knowledgeable local vendor. The cost of the antenna may be more than what a "discount" store would sell them for, but, the correct selection will save you money and increase your viewing pleasure.

Your new antenna will require mounting. Putting antennas in the attic (with rare exception) generally results in poor performance. Unless you must try an inside mounting scheme, I recommend you stay away from it.

Antennas placed on chimneys are going to corrode and fail at a much faster rate due to the flue gasses (this is another mounting scheme to avoid).

Outside rooftop antennas need to be mounted away from surrounding objects. The antenna height is a lot less critical than what most believe. A minimum height of the length of the longest antenna element is a good guideline. Installing the antenna high in the air is only required to overcome nearby obstacles. Once you are above nearby obstacles, there is seldom any advantage to going higher.

Lightning protection should be included in your installation. Drilling a hole in the roof and snaking the coax between the walls may be a neat visual installation, however, I've seen many walls and ceilings removed by the fire department to put out flames from a lightning strike. The safest path to your TV is to run the coax down the roof to a ground rod/lightning arrestor and then into your house at near grade level. Your local antenna dealer should be able to guide you with building codes and required equipment.



There is now a thick "putty like" tape that is on the market for weather proofing connectors. It works real well.

Installing your own antenna system can be fun and rewarding. There are a multitude of combinations to choose from when hooking up TV's, VCR's, games, switch boxes, etc. Your local library or book store should have books that go into greater detail about these special installations.

--Scott Holisky, "Transmitter Guru"

PHOTO-NEWS

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Here's the last of a batch of photos from Danny Oglethorpe, Shreveport, LA. Let's start with some Mexican E-skip from last summer:



XHIT-4 Chihuahua, Chih
778 mi Es seen 6/2/97
@ 1815 CT



XELN-4 Torreon, Coah
752 mi Es seen 6/10/97
@1015 CT



XHY-2 Merida, YUC
830 mi Es seen 6/10/97
@1010 CT
"New channel"



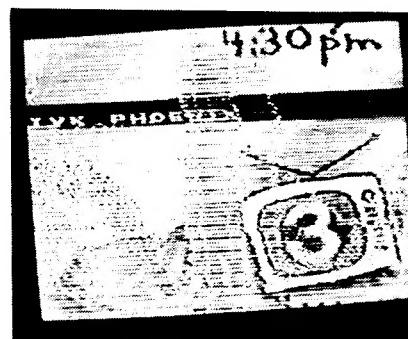
XEFB-2 Monterrey, NL
611 mi Es seen 7/15/97
@0905 CT
"The power of the image"

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Now here's an interesting battle: Arizona vs. Shreveport, and Arizona won!



KTVK-3 Phoenix, AZ
1065 mi Es seen 7/17/97
@1045 CT
"OVER KTBS-3 for 1/2 hour!"



KMOH-6 Kingman, AZ
1181 mi Es seen 8/6/97
@1225 CT
"Over KTAL-6 for 1 hour!"

Here's one from me, an Es catch from last summer:

Equipment: 1992 Zenith "Sentry 2" 13" color TV, Channel Master 4228A screened 8-bay w/RDX Labs UA-900 preamp for UHF, Channel Master 1114 Crossfire w/RDX Labs UA-702 preamp for VHF, both @20 ft. AGL. DX videotaped w/Sony Handycam model CCD-TR91.



WEDU-3 Tampa, FL
550 mi Es seen 7/26/97
@1228 CT
"Short hop!"



WTVY-TV



EASTERN TV DX

February, 1998

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LOCAL TIME UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

Thank you for the opportunity to edit this column. I'll take a moment to tell you how I got started in this "hobby". I have lived various places in Massachusetts and never heard of or witnessed any of the propagation modes. When I moved to Amity, ME, I installed a RS VHF antenna with P.A. On the first morning, Portland VHF at 200 miles was in strong. One week later, on December 7, 1994, I saw WCBD-SC. To me, at that time, it was like seeing aliens land on my front lawn. I asked many "neighbors" if they ever had stations from far away come in on their TV's. They all said "No". Then upon seeing WTWO about one week later, I decided to find out what was causing this. I found a long time TV repairman from the area who thought I must have metal in the ground pulling in these stations. He never heard of it before. Everyone I asked looked at me like I needed my head examined. Finally, after a long wait, some

Es were in, in February. So I called a couple people from town, and sure enough, they were getting Es too. When I asked how it was they never noticed this before, they simply said that when the TV acted up, they changed the channel. Since that time, I have yet to find anyone who has lived up here all their lives and realized a distant station was coming in. During those early months, I got Emil Pocock's name from his article in QST magazine. I wrote him and he explained to me what was happening and told me of the WTVFMDXA. For any of you who don't already have it, I recommend reading "Beyond Line of Sight", Edited by Emil Pocock, from the pages of QST magazine, a historical perspective. It's extremely informative.

Don't forget to send in your reports.

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December, 1997

29 Es	1655 WJBK 2 MI	792
	1700 WDIV 4 MI	792
	1722 WTWO 2 IN	1086
	1724 WAVE 3 KY	1057
	1727 WTTV 4 IN	1018
	1751 WCBD 2 SC	1111
	1803 WUNC 4 NC	904
	1806 WCIV 4 SC	1111
	1808 WWAY 3 NC	966

30 Es	1731 CKPR 2 ON	1019
	1747 WGRZ 2 NY	581
	1757 WRAL 5 NC	897
	1800 WUNC 4 NC	904
	1800 KDKA 2 PA	718
	1801 WPSX 3 PA	628
	1814 WTAE 4 PA	718
	1821 WCYB 5 VA	982
	1959 WBRC 6 AL	1321

COMMENTS: WGRZ was seen switching from Buffalo to WGRZTV on the sync. bar. Three new ones for Es with WGRZ, WTAE, and WPSX. All three formerly seen via meteor scatter.

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Equipment: Sears 19" color stereo TV; Archer VU-160 for VHF; RS corner-reflector for UHF, with CM-7475 preamp.

December, 1997 DX

10 Es	1235 XET-6 NL Monterrey, Barney & Friends dubbed in Spanish
	KIII-3 TX Corpus Christi, calls
	unID Mexico-4; MUF 90.9 FM
27 Es	2059 XHBC-3 ZA Zacatecas, XHGC-5 ID, NOTE #1
	MUF 97.3 FM
28 Es	2020 unID Mexico-6 w/Azteca 7 ID (many possibilities)
	2128 KACB-3 TX San Angelo, two IDs, NOTE #2
	MUF 104.7 FM

NOTE #1: XHBC is the only XHGC relayer on channel 3.

NOTE #2: IDs were for KACB-3 only, no mention of KRBC-9. All my previous loggings of KACB had dual IDs for both stations.

WILLIS MONK

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DECEMBER 1997

From 25 December to 2 January the TVDX was really strong into Mexico on channels 2-6. The E-skip was strong however, I was not able to ID any thing. Even at times covering the local channel 3.

ERIC VOYTKO

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EQUIPMENT:

6' screened Channel Master w/RDX UA-900 pre-amp; ICOM R-1000 and Sony KV-Ad11 TV

OCTOBER 1997

7 Tr	1030 WFXR-21 VA 200
	1100 WEMT-39 TN 370
	1157 WSBN-47 VA 330
	1200 WKPT-19 TN 320
	1259 W39AD VA 100
8 Tr	0545 WPDE-15 SC 340
	WSFX-26 NC 340
	WHMC-23 SC 360
	WHMC-23 SC 360
	W34AX NC 190
	W38BB NC 240
	W59CR NC 220
	W53BF NC 210
	W55CA NC 210
	W56CU NC 220
	W57CDt NC
	WTTD-LP-59 VA 140
	W54BR NC 240
	W58CD NC 240
	0609 W59BA NC 250
	0616 W32BA VA 160
	0620 W34BS NJ 140
	0642 W52BM NC 300
	0711 WKTD-LP-69 VA 150
	W56CS VA 150
	0715 W24OI VA 170
	0730 WFXB-43 SC 370
	0749 W51BH VA 120
	0759 W46BF NC 260
	0834 W45BG VA 150
	0930 WJCB-49 VA 150

11 Tr 0700 WXIN-59 IN 490
0729 WLEX-18 KY 400
0730 **WKYT-27** KY 400
0800 WHMB-40 IN 490
0913 **WLFL-18** IN 510
1015 **WNDY-23** IN 480
12 Tr 0712 WWHO-53 OH 330
0748 WOSU-34 OH 330
0800 WLEX-18 KY 400
0818 WSTR-64 OH 400
0900 **WXIX-19** KY 400
0959 WCET-48 OH 400
1030 WHIZ-18 OH 280

COMMENTS:

11 & 12 October brought more good mid-west tropo, and the last good DX of the month. 8 October was a translator day, probably the most LP stations logged in a single morning.

BOB SEYBOLD

1865 W. Noin Rd., Silver Creek, NY 14135

Fall tropo is about over and cold wx is setting in here which generally means down period for DX. About all to expect would be some E-skip around holiday season but not much else. Mid-sept into October brought good tropo, including openings already reported to you.

OCTOBER 7th

Morning before 0830 WMCU-14; WUCM-19 Michigan; Muskogean-54; Cadillac-33; also Saginaw, Lansing, Battle creek UHFs

OCTOBER 10

Evening Indy 23,40,59; Dayton-45; Columbus-53, these in early evening, then later into morning of the 12th- a massive opening peaking after midnight and continuing into the morning till 0830. Chicago-32,38,44; Rockford-23,39; Angola-63; South Bend; Ft. Wayne; waest and central Michigan; nearly all of Wisconsin-Milwaukee-58, 18, 36; Madison Us; W33AX, WEUX-48; WQOW-18; Green Bay, etc. Some of these signals were excellent & lasting hours.

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WESTERN TV-DX

February 1998

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This report is for December 1997. As usual in the winter season, there was only a little tropo DX on the southern California coast on TV & FM to San Diego/Tijuana, up to 200 miles. Weather was largely stormy and unsettled, with only occasional somewhat stable air boundary for slight tropo ducting.

Following are conditions by date (PST) (all on indoor rabbit ears).

Dec. 1-12: No tropo
 Dec. 13: Tropo morning, poor; night, fair.
 Dec 14-15: No tropo
 Dec 16: Tropo fair. Possible Es this date: 1710, visual zero-beat on local KYET-3 (indic. as minus offset) for approx. 2 minutes; other low-band TV channels showed no DX signals.
 Dec. 17: Tropo poor.
 Dec. 18-29: No tropo
 Dec. 30: Tropo poor, UHF only.
 Dec. 31: Tropo fair.

There was no storm activity approx. Dec. 7-13, but along the coast, even with still stable air, there was no boundary layering (except for a little at the end of that period of time), perhaps because of overall cold dry-air conditions. At the same time, however, there was winter fog in the California Central Valley (combined Sacramento/San Joaquin Valleys) as heard on weather reports, so there may have been some tropo there, which can occur in that CA region in winter between storms. There was also no storm activity approx. Dec. 22-31 with still air but no apparent boundary layering along the coast (except for a little at the end of Dec.). Reports again noted some Central Valley fog. A weather front was expected to come through on Jan. 1-2, probably stirring air and ending any tropo once again. Best of DX to All. Dennis

William Eckberg, 1032 Sterling Rd., Dixon, IL 61021

November 1997 CST
 26 Es 1915 KASA 2 NM 972
 1925 KNAZ 2 AZ 1258

December 1997 CST
 01 tr 0645 KXNE 18 NE 402
 KYNE 29 NE 464
 0700 WUXP 30 TN 408

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0720	KHOG	29 AR	463
0730	KHBS	40 AR	513
0800	WAFF	48 AL	503
1325	WBMG	42 AL	582
	WCFT	33 AL	593
1645	WAAY	31 AL	503
1700	WHNT	19 AL	503
1710	WZDX	54 AL	503
1730	WTLK	14 GA	562
1800	WTCI	45 TN	512
	WEVU	69 GA	610
1815	WJSU	40 AL	585
1858	WLFG	68 VA	487
02 tr	0005	WJSU 40 AL	585
	WCFT	33 AL	593
0120	WYMT	57 KY	449
0125	WKPT	19 TN	508
0130	WUXP	30 TN	408
0145	WDSI	61 TN Chattanooga	512
0200	WAFF	48 AL	503
0255	WBMG	42 AL	582
0305	WABM	68 AL	582
0330	WHIQ	25 AL	503
0345	WOWL	15 AL	483
0355	WMAW	14 MS	645
0500	WAAY	31 AL	503
	KSAX	42 MN	404
12 tr	0035	KSAX 42 MN	404
14 tr	2340	KSAX 42 MN	404
15 tr	0010	WNEO 45 OH	426
	0100	WOAC 67 OH	417
0105	WOIO	19 OH	401
0235	WNPA	19 PA	517
0315	WEAO	49 OH	404
0335	WBNX	55 OH	404
0400	WAKC	23 OH	404
0455	CHWI	16 ON Wheatley?	354
1150	KSAX	42 MN	404
20 tr	1135	KSAX 42 MN	404
21 tr	0630	KLKE 24 NE	435
	0650	KHNE 29 NE	464
	KXNE	19 NE	402
1115	KSAX	42 MN	404
1130	KVRR	15 ND	498
23 tr	0610	KSAX 42 MN	404
	2100	KDSD 16 SD	509
24 tr	0020	KSAX 42 MN	404
January 1998		CST	
01 Es	1730	KNAZ 2 AZ	1258
	1740	KTVK 3 AZ	1348
	1800	KPHO 5 AZ	1348

December was easily my best DX month of 1997. Es to AZ & NM noted on November 26. Saw

Western TV DX W. Eckberg's report continues

an unidentified Mexican on December 24 1930-2100 on ch. 2. Es briefly to AZ New Years day.

Widespread tropo to 650 mi on December 1 & 2 lasting 22 hours. Starting in NE and AR and moving to MS and GA. I believe I was into SC & southern AL briefly late in the opening. Tuscaloosa 33 & Anniston 40 were in for hours. They ID 33/40. Never saw a call. I rarely saw them before. Antenna heading put both nearly on Birmingham. Actual QTHs are not close. Got a Birmingham TV Guide and studied the Cable & TV Factbook. Stations have a local marketing agreement. WCFT-33 will be 4355 kW and is moving to 20.5 mi NNE of Tuscaloosa and > 964' high. WJSU-40 will be 5000 kW and is moving 27.3 mi SW of Ahniston to Flagpole Mountain. They would both be closer to Birmingham. These changes must now be a fact.

December 15 saw 5 hours of tropo over 500 miles centered on Akron. 0455 to 0500 sign-on Monday morning. Saw a tape crossing the screen with 2 or more Canadian calls I was watching them through South Bend 16. Offsets were the same. I made out the C prefixes. Wheatley, ON 16 is the likely source. Barrie, ON 16 is possible. Do Wheatley and South Bend have the same offsets? Does Wheatley run parallel with other stations? Do they run an ID tape across the screen with multiple IDs before sign on? I need help here.

Strong tropo lasted 17 hours on December 21. Started in MO, then NE educational in the AM and into ND by midnight. Even 17 kW NETV ch. 33 xltz at Pawnee City was snowfree. Never saw tropo to the north in mid winter before. Went thru closer Madison 15 and Austin 15 to log snowfree Fargo 15.

This logging would have been impossible before installing my hi-input amp and screening my dish. CM 7 dishes have very deep nulls about 20° either side of center. There seem to be two more either side of the rear. Screening makes them even deeper. With locals the nulls appear as phase shifts and are of little use. Madison 15-19 mi is in a null. I went over Austin 15-220 mi--to get Fargo 15--498 mi. Presented a logical explanation. hi. This skipping over phenomena is more common as the closer station moves beyond 200 miles and is lower in power than the target station. Also unusual atmospheric must put a blanket over the closer stations sometimes.

Danny Oglethorpe, P.O. Box 6688, Shreveport, LA 71136-6688

December 1997 UTC
 4 Es 0005 unID 2 Mexico
 6 Es 1740 unIDs 2 NE
 2245 WESH 2 FL 789

2255	WPBT	2 FL	939
2313	WFOR	4 FL	939
8 Es	2133	unIDs 2 US & Mexico	319
9 tr	1330	Biloxi 13,19 7,9,17,23,44,48,60	319
	1340	Valley 7,9,17,23,44,48,60	503
	1355	XHVT 54 TAM XHGC-5	314
1405	KVCT	19 TX	587
1407	XHSFT	25 TAM XEW//XERV-9	830
1410	Valley	4.5	830
1435	XHOR	14 TAM TV Azteca; over KETH	503
1450	XHMTA	11 TAM TV Azteca; over KHOU	503
1635	KGNS	8 TX 4 TX	481
Es	1710	unIDs 2,4 XEW, others	347
	XHY	2 YUC	830
	XHMEM	4 YUC XHGC-5	1003
1735	unID 6 XHGC-5; floating	5	1042
1747	WPBT	2 FL	939
1840	XHG	4 JAL	912
	XEWOT 2 XEW	4 TV7 in bar	1160
1859	XHIT	4 CHIH	778
1920	WDTN	2 OH	735
1940	WGRZ	2 NY ID in bar	1091
1950	WJBK	2 MI	904
2028	KDKA	2 PA	945
2045	WMAR	2 MD	1072
	WRC	4 DC	1042
2104	WESH	2 FL	789
2135	WPBT	2 FL	939
2145	WFOR	4 FL	939
	WPTV	5 FL	912
2205	WTWJ	6 FL News floating	939
2228	unID 2 Spanish, south	2 UT	1160
2230	unIDs 2,4,5 Mexico and US	2,4,5 Mexico and US	672
2245	WBKP	5 MI "Community Calendar"	931
2250	Cuba	5 unID bars; Sign-on 2300	805
2305	KNAZ	2 AZ	1045
2333	KCWC	4 WY	1071
2355	unID 2 Canada	2 KTVX	1160
10 Es	0000	KGAN 2 IA	1042
	WTOM	4 MI 7&4	737
0045	KTWO	2 WY-	996
tr	0510	unID 26 3ABN; east	1031
Es	1530	WUND 2 NC UNC	805
	1620	WCBD 2 SC	1072
	1659	WMAR 2 MD	904
	1701	WJBK 2 GA News	551
	1708	WSB 2 NY	1091
	1717	WGRZ 2 AZ	778
	1828	unIDs 2,4,5 US and Mexico	1004
	2015	XHIT 4 CHIH	1045
	2128	KVOA 4 AZ	1238
	2135	KDBC 4 TX CBS	875
	KPHO	5 AZ CBS/4	892
	2259	KNAZ 2 AZ	672
	2315	VKVU 5 NV	1042
11 Es	0100	WUND 2 NC	1031
	WUNC	4 NC UNC/WUND	805
0115	WBAY	2 WI	882
0118	WRC	4 DC	1042
0120	KGAN	2 IA	672
2015	WCBD	2 SC	805
2135	WESH	2 FL	789

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2255 WUND 2 NC 1031
 2350 WPBT 2 FL 939
 WFOR 4 FL 939
 WPTV 5 FL 912
 12 Es 0015 Cuba 2,4,5 Baseball 0045 unID 2 XEW
 13 Es 2050 unIDs 2,4,5 Teletón on Televisa 2103 Cuba 2 ICRT test pattern 2140 WESH 2 FL 789
 2208 WPBT 2 FL Pledge Drive 939

New K1SEG came on the air with NET programs on December 9th. They went off a few hours later and continue to be off.

14 Es 1845 unIDs 2,4,5 Spanish
 1850 YSR 2 El Salvador "Tele Dos" 1324
 1910 TGCEt 5 Guatemala
 1920 YSU 4 El Salvador Note #1 1324

15 Es 2258 unIDs 2,4,5 Mexico, weak
 16 Es 2305 XEWOT 2 AGS/JAL XEW
 2330 XHG 4 COL TV7; XHG still in other unIDs

18 Es 1635 WESH 2 FL 789
 1720 unIDs 2 Mexico

25 Es 0025 KTWO 2 WY 996
 0030 KCWC 4 WY 1071
 KGWN 5 WY "CBS5" 859
 0036 KGWL 5 WY KGWC-14 Nx 1071
 0050 KCNC 4 CO 806
 KWGN 2 CO New Logo 806

0135 KTVX 4 UT 1160
 0140 KUTV 2 UT 1160
 26 Es 1945 unIDs 2,4,5 Canal 13, XEW, TV7
 2029 XEWO 2 AGS/JAL

Ad for circus in Guadalajara

XHG 4 JAL 1003
 27 Es 0120 WPBT 2 FL 939
 WFOR 4 FL 939

28 Es 0030 unIDs 2,4 Spanish
 0035 WFOR 4 FL 939
 0103 WPBT 2 FL 939
 0120 WJBK 2 MI 904
 0240 XEFB 2 NL Rodeo 611

XHWXt 4
 0330 XEFET 2 TAM Nuevo Laredo Ad
 1750 Cuba 2,5 Tele Rebelde

1825 WPBT 2 FL 939
 1835 Cuba 4 //2
 1902 WFOR 4 FL 939
 2110 KVOA 4 AZ 1004

unID 2 Mexico
 2125 unID 5 TV Azteca

2140 WESH 2 FL 789
 2208 WUND 2 NC 1031
 2210 WUNC 4 NC UNC/WUND 875

Channel 2 now too packed to work
 2229 WCYB 5 VA 721
 2240 WRC 4 DC DC Nx 2300 1042

2248 WTAE 4 PA 945
 2255 WTTG 5 DC 1042
 2305 WDTN 2 OH 735
 2310 WJAC 6 PA News floating 991
 2350 WJBK 2 MI 904

Many unIDs from Great Lakes and East

29 Es 0012 XEWOT 2 XEW
 XHG 4 JAL 1003

0020 unID 2 Canal 13
 0035 XHI 2 SO 1026
 US still strong on 2,4,5

0140 WRAL 5 NC 896
 0210 unID 2 XHQ-3 relay
 0225 KNAZ 2 AZ 1045
 2010 unIDs 2,4 XEW, TV Azteca, XHGC-5
 2210 XHTV 4 DF Note #2 958

XEWOT 2 DF
 2230 XHG 4 JAL 1003
 2240 unID 5 5 logo; Dr. Quinn in SS
 2259 XHJCm 4 AGS/JAL

ID supered at top; Canal 13
 2330 Channels 2,3,4,5,6 packed

30 Es 2015 unIDs 2,4,5 XEW, others
 2125 XHG 4 JAL 1003
 unID 5 5 logo; Hercules in SS

31 Es 0235 CKND2 2 MB 1279
 2035 XEWO 2 AGS/JAL Jalisco ads
 XHG 4 JAL 1003
 unIDs 5

2050 XHATU 5 JAL 1000
 XHNCIt 4 COL TV7
 unID 5 Note #3

2325 XHTV 4 DF 958
 XEWOT 2 DF
 XHGCt 5 DF
 unIDs 6 TV7, Canal 13 floating

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01 Es 0005 KNAZ 2 AZ 1045
 Many Mexican unIDs

2335 KUTV 2 UT 1160
 KTVX 4 UT 1160
 KSL 5 UT 1160

2345 unID 6 Floating
 2350 KASA 2 NM 753
 KCNC 4 CO 806

02 Es 0020 unIDs 2,4 Mexico
 0050 KVOA 4 AZ Nx 0100 1004
 0059 KPHO 5 AZ Nx 0100 1065

KNME 5 NM 764
 0115 KOB 4 NM News 764
 0140 KVUU 5 NV 1238

tr 0245 WLOX 13 MS 319
 0345 WPMI 15 AL 355
 WMAH 19 MS 319
 WXXV 25 MS 309

0405 WKRG 5 AL 355
 0440 WTVW 9 MS 319
 0508 WMVP 21 AL TBN 355

0520 WTOK 11 MS 296
 0710 WMAW 14 MS over KARD 296

03 Es 0055 Channels 2,4 packed; 5 weaker
 0100 XHG 4 JAL Music program 1003
 XHTV 4 DF "Ready or Note" 958

unIDs 5 XHGC-5, XEW
 2115 unIDs 2,4,5 Mexico
 2120 KNAZ 2 AZ 1045

Notes
 1--Channel 4 from San Salvador was carrying a football game from TV Azteca (logo supered). The broadcast was originating from NBC in the US (graphics still intact, but Spanish language commenta-

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tors). YSU did not carry the commercials from TV Azteca; rather, they inserted their own ads, etc.

2--XHTV-4 now uses the slogans, "Central 4" and "C4." XHTV calls are still used on some IDs and promos, along with the slogans. "XHTV Canal 4" and "Central 4" are also written in the sync bar.

3--This channel 5 from Jalisco runs many non-network programs and a local newscast at 3PM CT on weekdays. The newscast is "Antena Cinco." Station logo is a big five.

Comments:

A good December for Es. In spite of tropo being on hiatus during most of 1997, the year was pretty good here. Several more Mexican stations were taped and photographed, so I'm satisfied.

Frank Aden, Jr., N7SOK, 4096 Marcia Place, Boise, ID 83704

Same equipment as before.

December, 1997 MST
 Dec. 22 MS, no bursts seen! Nov. 17th was incredible for MS, almost constant bursts, looked like Es but not a single ID. Too much CCI.

Major Es opening for Christmas! From 7 PM to about 10 PM. Ch. 3 KYTV MO and a TELEVISION station running EXPLORADO. Was getting AZ on ten, so suspect N. Mexico.

January 1998

Finally got some IDs on today's Es. (January 1) Ch. 3 KOET OK at 8 PM and ch. 3 KENW ch. 3 NM at 10 PM. It looks like it has died out as of 11 PM local.

(January 11, 1845 MST) Have Es in progress, MUF up to ch. 4. It has been in for about an hour and a half. No IDs yet, but suspect OK, NM & TX.

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November 1997 CST
 20 tr 2043 KXAM 14 TX "News 36" ID 445
 23 tr 2012 WJSU 40 AL "ABC 40" 385

2024 WXTX 54 GA Eagle 102.3, Kissin 99.3 ads 360
 24 tr 2309 K66FI 66 LA TBN - see Note 1 55

December 1997
 8 Es 1830 unid 5 SS
 1832 KDBCt 4 TX CBS news
 tr 2025 KEDT 16 TX ID 425

9 Es 1854 WJMN 3 MI Packers info,

920 area code 1075

1930 KSWK 3 KS Great Bend Kiwanis ment. 760
 2030 KLNE 3 NE NE Public TV ID 860

10 Es 1713 unid 3
 11 Es 1800 unid 3 and 5

13 Es 1631 KSWK 3 KS Elmo Christmas 760
 16 Es 1740 XHG 4 JAL recognized logo from my column! 1020

27 Es 1904 KCNCt 4 CO
 1912 KOAA 5 CO "5/30" ID 940
 1916 KOB 4 NM local nx, wx 955
 1942 KENW 3 NM matched pgm in TV Guide 760
 1955 KDBC 4 TX 910
 2027 KACB 3 TX Abilene ad, NBC- short hop! 555

28 Es 1227 unid 3 SS
 1457 KTVK 3 AZ "KTVK Phoenix" in sync bar 1245
 1650 WUNC 4 NC "UNC TV" ID 790

1659 WRAL 5 NC ID, into local nx 810
 1729 WTKR 3 VA ID 960

1739 WFRV 5 WI CBS, 5 logo, Green Bay ment. 985
 1748 WTMJ 4 WI logo, local nx 885

1757 WISC 3 WI ID 875
 1806 XHNCIt 4 COL TV Azteca 7 ID, right direction

1815 XHG 4 JAL ID 1020

1911 KIMT 3 IA Iowa basketball

1915 KGANT 2 IA Iowa basketball // 3, floater

1953 unid 6 ABC!

2057 KOAA 5 CO ID 940

29 Es 1723 XHG 4 JAL ID - becoming a pest, hi! 1020
 1730 unid 5 XHGC

2025 unid 4, 5 XEW

30 Es 1500 unid 7 on 4 TV Azteca

1619 unid 4, 5 XEW

31 Es 1553 unid 3, 5 SS

1621 XHG 4 JAL ID 1020

Note 1 - Finally got this one! They must be flea-powered; they were extremely weak, even with other Lafayette-area LPTVs booming in.

Wow - eleven days of E-skip in December! Makes up for the lack of tropo. I've ordered some Channel Master FM band rejection filters to hopefully eliminate a problem with FM bleedover on channel 6. 73's.

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Equipment:

NEW JVC HR-J400U VCR, Winegard CA-5254 VHF at 18' AGL; Antennacraft Y5-2 5 element channel 2 Yagi at 11' AGL; Antennacraft P-5 chicken-wired dish at 25' AGL (to feedpoint). All on rotors and RG-6.

Editor's note: I have abstracted the following from Pat Dyer's postings on the Internet of his TV/FM and radio amateur observations. I have done so in the belief in the importance of "up-to-date" news as opposed to well-digested old news. I am sure that Pat has recorded enough tapes from this series of openings to keep him busy for weeks if not months. I, and (I am sure) you

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readers will welcome additions and any corrections after his further analysis. My sincere apologies if-in my haste to get into print-I have stepped on anyone's toes (The Southern FM DX editor, for instance, will probably have to wait another month for Pat's report.).

December 1997 UTC
 13 Es 2225 WPBT 2 FL Miami
 2234 WWAY 3 NC Wilmington
 The TV Es lingered here until around 0130Z
 Dec 16-17 2220-0025 Mexico (and maybe some
 Central American) Es with MUFs thru 105.7 MHz.
 Ch. 2 was in well until after 0130Z
 18 Es 1718 WBTV 3 NC Charlotte
 1729 WAVE 3 KY Louisville (xmtr in IN)
 1729 WDTN 2 OH Dayton
 1759 KTVI 2 MO St. Louis
 1800 WCIA 3 IL Champaign

A short-lived but intense midday Es event, with the MUF to at least 92.5, but with the masking by some enhanced tropo it might have been a bit higher. (Our recent high temps have been in the 70s F though near freezing at night.)

More intense Es events continue to make the last month of 1997 a lot better in comparison to what the poor summer season here had been.

27 Es 2356 WEDU 3 FL Tampa
 28 Es 0221 WSB 2 GA Atlanta
 0225 WLBT 3 MS Jackson
 0409 WRCB 3 TN Chattanooga
 2045 WSLK 2 TN Snedville
 2157 WSB 2 GA Atlanta

WLBT is about as short as any Ch 3 Es noted here gets. Traces of Ch 2 Es in until approx 0450Z, after which tropo effects took over (even at 30° F!)

Due to the magnitude of the Dec 29-Jan 4 Es events, the following is in short summary form:

December 29-30:
 2210Z first TV Es noted to SW
 2250Z Es MUF on rapid rise thru Ch 4
 2350-0450 On FM to Mexico/S. CA
 0540Z last of Ch 2 & 3 still into N Mexico

During this event our local Ch 4 & 5 (@ 25 mi SE) signals here were all but obliterated for a few hours, with all sorts of the Azteca Net "IDs" visible in their VBIs as they drifted (or sometimes locked!) across the screen.

In nearly 40 years at the TV (and 25+ at the FM) this had to rank as perhaps the most intense and protracted Es event noted from here into Mexico--and this was a winter-season creation.

December 30-31:
 2235Z-0115Z FM Es to west

December 31-January 1:
 1910Z Ch 2 Es into Mexico
 2030Z Ch 3 & 4 in
 2100Z Ch 5 into Mexico
 2135-0140Z FM Es to Mexico & CA
 0230Z TV Es fades out

January 1-2:
 2345Z TV Es rapidly thru Chs 2-4 NOT Mexico
 0000Z Es into FM band (SD,WY,CO,UT) til 0235Z
 0300Z Ch 3 out
 0330Z Last of Ch. 2

January 2-3:
 2350Z Es MUF thru Ch 4
 2355Z Es into FM Band FL to 0100Z
 0215Z TV Es fadeout to SW.

January 3-4:
 2123Z Ch 3 Es to Phoenix, AZ (ID in VBI)
 2128Z Es thru Ch 4; Ch 2 Mexico (likely northern)
 2145Z-2200Z FM Es to S CA & NV
 0010Z TV Es fadeout

January 8-9
 1810Z Ch 2-4 Es into Mexico
 1945Z Es MUFs into FM: San Diego, CA Tijuana-Mexicali, BCN areas
 1950Z Ch 2 Santa Fe, NM
 0350Z more unID Ch 2 Es to NE until after 0410Z

January 10-11
 1805Z Ch 2 likely El Salvador (FWIW, my first logging of them was Jan 8, 1966.)
 1817Z Ch 3 Guatemala City
 1925Z TV about gone, though traces to >2000Z.
 0005Z More TV Es, maybe Los Angeles Ch 2
 0256Z-0356Z VERY little co-channel QRM showing on Ch2 or 3 while FM stations from Southern Utah & N Az were solid.

January 11-12
 2220Z Ch 2 Es with rapidly rising MUFs (FM into S. Utah/NM, 144 MHz radio amateur to AZ)
 0450 Like fadeout of TV Es to West.

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Spring Is. BC V8K 2W2 CANADA

December 1997 UTC
 25 Es 0223 KASA 2 NM 140°
 31 Es 0259 KLNE 3 NE 110°
 0300 KNOP 2 NE 110°

January 1998
 01 Es 0056 KLBY 4 KS 120°
 0100 KSWK 3 KS 120°

Western TV DX

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Equipment:

Sony KV-27EXR15, Screened CM 7'dish 85', RG11, UA900 amp. Sony KV-13TR27, CM 1110 30', CM 8 bay UHF array 60'.

1800' ASL, No re-logs in the same month, only tropo 500+ miles.

December 4, 1997 CST
 2145 K67HC 67 TX McAllen 158
 (956)428-4848 Rel. EE area program, SS at 10 PM, they comment this station sign on for the first time at 9 PM.

December 8, 1997
 0615 KETK 56 TX Jacksonville

weak, stay only 2 minutes 532

1845 K69HD 69 LA Church Point

KLAF on screen, bt.right in blue 586

K56DR 56 LA Baton Rouge TBN // KLUJ-44 633

K66FI 66 LA Opelousas TBN as above 599

KLAF-LP62 LA Opelousas/Ch 69, UPN 600

K55HA 55 LA New Iberia/Ch 62, 69, UPN 596

1900 K46DG 46 LA Lafayette// chs 55, 62, 69, area advs. 587

WLPB 27 LA Baton Rouge\$, LPB 638

KLTL 18 LA Lake Charles/ ch 27 548

KLPB 24 LA Lafayette// chs 18, 27 567

KADN 15 LA Lafayette\$, FOX, blasting in 586

KVHP 29 LA Lake Charles 530

1915 WVLA 33 LA Baton Rouge NBC // KVEO-23 633

K21DM 21 LA Lafayette VJN, \$ one hour later 592

K49DE 49 LA New Iberia TBN // chs 56, 66 596

WXV 25 MS Gulfport FOX 764

1930 WMAH 19 MS Biloxi\$, MS educ 770

WGMB 44 LA Baton Rouge over strong KLUJ 633

2000 WLAE 32 LA New Orleans calls on screen 694

WNOL 38 LA New Orleans 694

2030 WAFT 9 LA Baton Rouge calls //

KGBT-4, over XERV 638

KWB-J-LP 39 LA Morgan City over/under KHTV 618

WMAU 17 MS Bude splashing strong XHFOX 697

2045 WUPL 54 LA Slidell\$ 705

2115 W36AC 36 MS McComb TBN 710

2145 KLAX 31 LA Alexandria ABC, calls 618

KRIV- 26 Barometer 29.75R, humidity 96%

2215 K51EC 51 LA Lake Charles TBN 532

2230 WGNO 26 LA New Orleans ABC, calls, over KRIV 694

went to sleep

December 9, 1997

0115 Back to DX

WAPT 16 MS Jackson\$, timer and temp bt right 55° 754

south and central LA continues in

0130 WDDB 40 MS Jackson 754

WNTZ 48 MS Natchez 670

0145 ne Texas

0200 Back to sleep again

0500 WMAW 14 MS Meridian// chs. 17, 19 807

WIIQ 41 AL Demopolis SAP dif MAIN, snow free 877

WGBC 30 MS Meridian starts, previous black screen 834

W63BK 63 MS Meridian TBN, weak 834

KFKX 51 TX Longview 557

WSBBO 58 MS Natchez TBN 670

0515 W47BP 47 MS Hattiesburg//WMAH- 119, u/o K47DF 766

WHOA 32 AL Montgomery ABC, over WLAE 928

0530 WAFT- 9 reporting dense fog 61°

KATC 3 LA Lafayette News, WX (dense fog) 566

WTOK 11 MS Meridian Rel. 834

0545 WMDN 24 MS Meridian Real TV over KLPB 834

0615 WCCL 49 LA New Orleans HSN under KTFH 688

WAPT- 16 is using slogan on local news: Stories that hit home

0700 WEIQ 42 AL Mobile SAP dif MAIN 825

WHNO 20 LA New Orleans CBS News 688

KLPA 25 LA Alexandria LPB // KLPB-24 619

W45AA 45 MS Columbia//WMAH-19, o/u KXLN 739

0715 KARD 14 LA West Monroe\$, FOX 659

K59DG 59 LA New Orleans TBN

WPML 15 AL Mobile NBC // WGBC-30 838

0730 had to leave for work. P. Dyer told me

opening stay until mid morning, a dry air from west kill all DX signals.

December 16, 1997

0400-0700 Southwest Louisiana

December 22, 1997

0130 Strong New Orleans uhf's

K14IE 14 LA La Gretna HSS, rare 688

0200 Opening extends to coastal MS, AL and...

WPAN 53 FL Fort Walton Beach VCC 869

WHBR 33 FL Pensacola loc. XHCNL-34 out (rare) 838

0215 sleeping again

0530 dead conditions

This month of December was the worst of the year. My average of 1000+ miles DX for 1993-1996 for a month of December is four days. Dec. 1997 tropo openings didn't reach 1000+ miles. 1997 was the worst year since 1993.

73s Fernando

More 50 MHz Intercontinental DX

Just as 1998 was being ushered in over Europe, on the other side of the earth 6 meters (50 MHz) was hopping. Widespread Sporadic-E was present in both northern and hemispheres. By some circumstance of propagation, probably involving the subtropical F2 layer, New Zealand was linked to the Southern United States, and on a second night with a station in South Dakota. A taste of things to come! Will you be ready for Ch 0 and 1 TV DX in the coming years?

Southern FM DX

John Zondio
4009 Driftwood Circle
Yukon, OK 73099
E-mail: Jpzondio@aol.com
Deadline: 10th

February 1998

For DXers in AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, DE, DC, FL, GA, HI, KS, KY, LA, MD, MS, NC, NV, OK, SC, TN, TX, UT, WV and Mexico

Doug Smith - W9WI
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Pleasant View, TN 37146-8098
72777.3143@compuserve.com CST



Fernando Garcia
San Salvador 415 Rincon de la Sierra
Ciudad Guadalupe, NL 67181, Mexico
terttdv@sdm.net.mx CST

Technics ST-G50 tuner, big Radio Shack VHF-TV antenna at 15'

The December 28 Es opening was much better than the scant IDs would indicate. Sundays are tough for DX, with many stations airing syndicated music countdowns.

12/10 Es

1235 unID ?? ?? Mexicans to 90.9, XET Monterrey in on channel 6

12/27 Gw

1500 pirate 97.3 TN Nashville, underground r in stereo, no announcements. Not heard same time 12/28

12/27 Es

2004 unID 91.7 ?? ??, "91X" ID in SS, EE classic r

2032 unID 97.3 ?? ??, "FM 97.3 El Lobo" in SS, soft AC

2032 unID 93.5 ?? ??, SS hard rock

12/28 Es

2000 WMCU 89.7 FL Miami, legal ID w/W270AD

101.9 844

2007 unID 99.9 ?? ??, SS MoR, brief rel talk & ad for Bacardi rum stressing temperature

2007 unID 100.7 ?? ?? AC, mx badly distorted &

mixed with hum, announcer audio clear but weak, mx by "Los Mismos"

2010 KKIK 104.3 TX Temple, traffic emergency for Austin, Round Rock & Temple 711

2025 KQXT 101.9 TX San Antonio, local ads on Loop 410 and I-10 818

2028 unID 99.9 ?? ??, slogan "Ayer y Hoy, Cristal," EE light soul, could be same as 2007 unID

2032 KAJA 97.3 TX San Antonio, "100,000 watts, KJ-97" 823

2059 XHSA 91.9 ?? ??, ID as "XHSA 91.9 Super FM" (#1)

2100 KTSW 89.9 TX San Marcos, call IDs in promo 790

#1- No XHSA on this frequency in the FM Atlas. There's a XHSS 91.9 in San Luis Potosi, but the last letter sure sounded like "A" to me. Numerous other SS unIDs in this opening.

73, Doug

Don't worry! Spring DX is on the way!

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Pioneer KE2700QR car stereo

11/26 Tr

0730 KDCD 92.9 TX San Angelo, "92.9 CD-Country"

12/8 Tr

1840 unID 92.9 LA? ??, blasting in in FF, KJEF Jennings LA?

1845 KTBT 93.7 LA New Iberia, "The Beat"

Above were logged driving back home. When I arrived I dedicated time to TV.

12/10 Es

1325 WIBI 91.1 IL Carlinville, calls, wx

1330 KGRC 92.9 MO Hannibal, calls, wx, "Power 93"

1340 WHRZ 97.7 KY Providence, calls, k

1347 WQXQ 101.9 KY Central City, "Q102," mention of Madisonville

1348 WBHK 98.7 AL Warrior

1349 WSTO 96.1 KY Owensboro, "STO"

1355 WYNN 92.3 TN Milan, calls, "Power 92"

1400 KWFC 89.1 MO Springfield

1401 KBIA 91.3 MO Columbia, calls, U of Missouri

1535 KRAI 93.7 CO Craig, calls

1540 KRDO 95.1 CO Grand Junction, area ads, k

1552 KXPX 96.5 CO Evergreen, "Denver's Pick," r

1553 KEKB 99.9 CO Fruita, calls

1600 KVFR 90.1 UT Salt Lake City, legal ID

1603 KPRN 89.5 CO Grand Junction, CO Public Radio, wx

1618 KJYE 92.3 CO Grand Junction, "Light FM"

12/13 Es

1730 YS 89.3 El Salvador ??, corporacion YSKM

1734 YS 88.9 El Salvador ??, colones, Soyapango

12/16 Es

1840 XHSJS 96.3 BCS Los Cabos, ads, Cabomil, rare path here

1850 XHEO 92.9 YU Merida, nx

1855 XHNRI 93.7 YU Merida, area ads

12/27 Es

1831 WJCL 96.5 GA Savannah, EST, "Kicks 96 and a half, hot country"

1837 WKCL 91.5 SC Ladson, calls

1845 WCOS 97.5 SC Columbia, calls, k, MUF 106.7

1859 WHQR 91.3 NC Wilmington, "serving Wilmington since...."

1904 WKZQ 101.7 SC Myrtle Beach, calls, "Rock 101.7"

1925 WKHT 93.7 SC Bishopville, calls

2026 WVLK 92.9 KY Lexington, k

2032 WGCG 95.1 KY Glasgow

2100 WKPB 89.5 KY Henderson, public radio, calls

12/28 Es

2030 WBCT 93.7 MI Grand Rapids, Country's Most Wanted pgm, calls

2040 XHMOE 90.7 BCN Mexicali, area ads

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Garcia continued

2047 KRQQ 93.7 AZ Tucson, "KRQ, today's best music"

2102 WBCL 90.3 IN Fort Wayne, AP nx, EST, wx (currently 30 degrees)

12/29 Es

1815 KAFF 92.9 AZ Flagstaff, "KAFF Country"

1825 KNAI 88.3 AZ Phoenix, SS, "R. Campesina"

1848 KRFM 96.5 AZ Show Low, area ads

1854 KGLQ 96.9 AZ Phoenix, "The New Eagle 96.9"

1858 KSNE 106.5 NV Las Vegas, "Sunny 106.5"

1903 KVBC 105.1 NV Las Vegas, area ads

1918 KXTC 99.9 NM Thoreau, multiple Gallup NM ads

1921 KNUW 95.3 NM Santa Clara, SS, "La Sabrosa," calls, 18 degrees

1923 KXPT 97.1 NV Las Vegas, "The Point," area ads

1930 KMGN 93.9 AZ Flagstaff, "The Mountain of Classic Rock"

1930 KZGL 95.9 AZ Cottonwood, calls

1935 KJUL 104.3 NV Las Vegas, calls

1937 KFLG 102.7 AZ Bullhead City, k, calls

1940 KSED 107.5 AZ Sedona, "Colt Country"

1945 KMZQ 100.5 NV Henderson, "Classy 100," area ads

1950 KVVA 107.1 AZ Apache Junction, SS, "R. Viva," area ads

1956 KIOT 102.5 NM Los Lunas, "Arrow 102.5," r

2000 KFMS 101.9 NV Las Vegas, legal ID, "KFM-102"

2015 KZON 101.5 AZ Phoenix, area ads, "The Zone"

2020 KNKT 107.1 NM Arrijo, rel, calls

2021 KABG 98.5 NM Los Alamos, "Big Oldies," 70's

2023 KMGA 99.5 NM Albuquerque, "Magic 99.5"

2025 KRZY 105.9 NM Santa Fe, SS, "R. Romantica," calls

2030 KANW 89.1 NM Albuquerque, legal ID, NPR

2043 KNIZ 102.5 AZ Phoenix, calls

2052 KKLZ 96.3 NV Las Vegas, area ads, classic r

2106 KMLE 107.9 AZ Chandler, "The Valley's New Country 108"

2115 KPTY 103.9 AZ Gilbert, Phoenix area ads

2127 KFLR 90.3 AZ Phoenix, calls, rel, "Family Life Radio"

2130 KJZZ 91.5 AZ Phoenix, legal ID, NPR, j

2133 KSLX 100.7 AZ Scottsdale, wx, classic r, 52 degrees

2146 KKYZ 101.7 AZ Sierra Vista, calls, o

2151 KHVT 107.5 AZ Tucson, area ads

2155 KWCY 103.5 AZ Glendale, calls, wx, "The New Wild Country"

2157 KKHG 104.1 AZ Tucson, area ads

2200 KUAZ 89.1 AZ Tucson, "Z89"

2202 KGCB 89.5 AZ Phoenix

2210 KMPO 90.9 AZ Prescott, rel, calls

2212 XHMOE 90.7 BCN Mexicali, area ads

2213 XHPF 101.9 BCN Mexicali, area ads

2215 KOHT 98.3 AZ Marana, "Hot 98," Tucson ads

2221 KKFR 92.3 AZ Glendale, "Power 92," area ads

2228 KZZP 104.7 AZ Mesa, calls

2235 KGMS 97.1 AZ Green Valley, "The Point," area ads

2240 KBZR 106.5 AZ Arizona City, area ads

2300 KPHF 88.3 AZ Phoenix, legal ID, "Family Radio"

2305 KOMP 92.3 NV Las Vegas, calls, r

This is the strongest Es event I have ever logged,

MUF stayed up to 107.9 for many hours.

12/30 Es

1815 KNAI 88.3 AZ Phoenix, SS, "La Nueva Campesina"

1820 KFMA 92.1 AZ Green Valley, area ads

1825 KFLR 90.3 AZ Phoenix, calls

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1830 KUAZ 89.1 AZ Tucson, calls

1837 XHMOE 90.7 BCN Mexicali, area ads

1853 KZUA 92.1 AZ Holbrook, "Z92," area ads

1855 KGCB 90.9 AZ Prescott, calls

1858 XHNGS 96.7 SO Nogales

1908 KKLZ 96.3 NV Las Vegas, calls, classic r

1231 Es

1430 KNAI 88.3 AZ Phoenix, SS, "La Campesina," Phoenix area 3rd day in a row!

1440 KLPX 96.1 AZ Tucson, "The Valley's Q-96," currently 70 degrees

1454 KSNE 106.5 NV Las Vegas, calls

1455 KSJM 97.5 AZ Oro Valley, "Power 97.5," area ads

1525 KILA 90.5 NV Las Vegas, calls, phone # 734-2223

1535 ??? Honduras ??, area ads

1537 ??? Guatemala Coatepeque, "R. Coatepeque El Sonido de la Costa"

1545 ??? 91.5 Honduras La Ceiba, "R. El Patio"

1548 ??? 92.9 El Salvador San Salvador, ads

1615 XH?? 89.5 CH Tonala, "Stereo Costa," ads

1630 KKLZ 96.3 NV Las Vegas, legal ID

1650 ??? 96.3 Honduras ??, R. Stereo Copan, currency lempiras"

1713 ??? 102.7 CH Tapachula, "Nacion FM," phone 5-58-72

1730 ??? 96.7 Guatemala Quetzaltenango, area ads

1732 ??? 101.7 El Salvador San Salvador, ment of El Salvador

1740 ??? 94.7 El Salvador ??, "Audio Video SA"

1745 ??? 102.7 CA ??, SS, "Oceano FM," Tijuana mentions

1757 TGVV 107.3 Guatemala ??, "La Doble V"

1800 XHNRI 93.7 YU Merida

1805 XHEO 92.9 YU Merida

1810 ??? 106.5 Honduras ??, "Excel, relay en 89"

1816 ??? 91.3 El Salvador San Salvador, ads

1825 ??? 88.9 El Salvador San Salvador, ads

Again, 2 different paths at the same time. I concentrated on SS speaking stations, as this SE path is rare.

1/1 Es

1812 KLXS 95.3 SD Pierre, "Classic 95," wx

1830 KLND 89.5 SD Little Eagle, legal ID

1845 KPSD 97.1 SD Faith, calls, PRI

1/2 Es

1850 WMFQ 92.9 FL Ocala, "Q-92.9," area ads

1851 WOGK 93.7 FL Ocala, area ads

1858 WUSF 89.7 FL Tampa, calls

1900 WSMR 89.1 FL Sarasota, legal ID

Thanks to D. Smith, G. Coniglio, M. Sittell and R. Shaftan for helping with some unIDs. This is a really good winter Es. At least something is compensating for the poorest tropo season in many years. 73's Fernando

Bill Nollman - 24A1 Lakeshore Dr. - Farmington, CT 06032 - (860) 676-8729 - wnn@snnet.net (home) - bnollman@rand.com (work) CST DXing from Madison (Huntsville), AL. Pioneer Supertuner III Model KE-5525 (car stereo) modified for indoor use, wide/narrow/super-narrow IF filters, Radio Shack rabbit ears.

Hi WFTDA, it's been quite a while since my name appeared in these pages. Since last time I have married a wonderful woman, Lisa, who not only

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finds DXing interesting, but even called me at work one day when she heard a weird station on 98.9 whose call letters started with "K." She even allowed me to bring 1 boombox and a walkman on our honeymoon in San Francisco. For all her qualities she cannot possibly do a darn thing about the DX hole we live in (apartment). Out our back door I can see Avon Mountain, home of WTIC 96.5, WWUH 91.3 and WCCC 106.9. Down the street is WRCH 100.5. Oh, and did I mention, they don't call this the Farmington VALLEY for nothing. For all its problems, there is one advantage....nothing beyond about 80 miles comes in without traps, including NYC, which used to be a pest at my old location. So the E-skip this summer was pretty much uncontested. But alas, one cannot live on E-skip alone.

I had the great fortune of attending 2 weeks of training in Huntsville this past September. Of course, in between sightseeing and finding a few great restaurants, there was the always necessary dial scan. As is usually NOT the case, the DX gods shined upon me the last night of my stay and kept me up until 3:30AM (I had to be in class at 8AM). Thank goodness the season premiere of ER was lousy (they lost a loyal viewer after that episode) and I figured I'd spend some time "cleaning up" after the previous night's dial scan...good thing I did!

In addition to my travels around Huntsville was a super evening in Nashville with the extremely hospitable Tom Bryant (even though the wx was downright terrible, and Nashville further than I had estimated).

I probably wouldn't bother to submit this to Southern FM DX, except for the exceptional traps to Dallas on 9/25/97, and the fact that I've never submitted to SFM, so why the heck not! Note, times are not exact, although I list the times that the reception was between. Also, I don't bother to list repeat loggings.

Also, all this stuff is on tape (that's why it took so long to review, so the IDs are 99.99% accurate). Please let me know of any discrepancies you may find! If anyone would like a cassette copy, it should fit on about 2 90s. Send me \$5 to cover the 2 TDK-D90s and postage, and as a bonus...the whole thing is hosted by good 'ol ME (oh joy!), stupid comments, food ratings and the CMA awards, too!

Also, Sunny 92.3 means they pronounce their non-ID as sunny 92 point 3, where Fun 92/7 means that they say Fun ninety two seven (no point).

9/21 Tr

2130 WLWI 92.3 AL Montgomery 180
2230 WYNU 92.3 TN Milan, "Power 92" 140
WJXA 92.9 TN Nashville, "Soft Rock 92.9 FM"
110
WZGC 92.9 GA Atlanta, "Z93" 150
KZLE 93.1 AR Batesville, "The Max 93/1 FM"
300

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2300 WWGM 93.1 TN Alamo, "Good News 93.1" 160

2350 WTUG 92.9 AL Tuscaloosa 115

9/22 Tr

0700 WQLJ 93.7 MS Oxford, "Q93" 165

0800 WXRZ 94.3 MS Corinth, "Z94" 110

1615 WKOR 94.9 MS Columbus, "K94.9" 130

WPCH 94.9 GA Atlanta, "Peach 94.9" 150

1700 WADI 95.3 MS Corinth 110

WNCG 95.5 GA Athens, "Country 95.5" 220

WBHJ 95.7 AL Tuscaloosa, "95/7 Jamz" 115

WCNA 95.9 MS Potts Camp 160

1750 WJDX 96.3 MS Jackson, "Mix 96.3" 260

KHLS 96.3 AR Blytheville, "96 Country" 210

1830 WMOD 96.7 TN Bolivar, "W-MOD 96.7" 140

WFOX 97.1 GA Atlanta, "Fox 97" 150

WWMS 97.5 MS Oxford, "Miss 98" 175

WSRR 98.1 AL Millington, "Star 98" 180

WSB 98.5 GA Atlanta, "B98.5" 150

WZLQ 98.5 MS Tupelo, "Kicker 99" 120

2015 WJKK 98.7 MS Vicksburg, "The New Love 98" 300

WNNX 99.7 GA Atlanta, "99X" 150

WMC 99.7 TN Memphis, "FM100" 190

WDX 100.1 AL Selma, "Dixie 100" 160

2110 WBLE 100.5 MS Batesville 180

WALX 100.9 AL Selma, "Laser 101" 160

WJDQ 101.3 MS Meridian, "Q101" 200

2145 WKHX 101.5 GA Marietta, "Kix 101.5" 150

WTID 101.7 AL Reform, "Tide 101.7" 120

9/23 Tr

0600 WJMI 99.7 MS Jackson 260

WJCC 101.9 AL Montgomery, "Cat Country 102" 180

WFIA 101.9 MS Fulton, "Power 101" 120

0645 WCKS 102.7 AL Fruiturst, "Kiss 102.7" 110

2400 WEGR 102.7 TN Memphis, "Rock 103" 190

9/24 Tr

1600 WVEE 103.3 GA Atlanta, "V103" 150

1700 WWKZ 103.5 MS Como, "KZ103" 200

WACR 103.9 MS Columbus 130

WJZF 104.1 GA LaGrange, "Jazz Flavors 104.1" 160

WALR 104.7 GA Athens, "Kiss 104.7" 210

1800 WSLY 104.9 AL York, "Live 104/9" 180

WWZQ 105.3 MS Aberdeen, "Oldies 105.3" 130

WGST 105.7 GA Canton 150

WWZD 106.7 MS New Albany, "Wizard 106" 140

WWAY 106.7 GA Gainesville, "Y106.7" 160

1915 WTSW 107.1 GA Rockmart, "South 107" 110

WFCA 107.9 MS Ackerman 180

KFIN 107.9 AR Jonesboro, "K-Fine" 240

2030 WAJW 98.9 MS Brooksville 160

9/25 Tr

0715 WLSM 107.1 MS Louisville, "Star 107" 180

WMGB 93.7 GA Jeffersonville, "B93.7" 230

1800 WINL 98.5 AL Linden, "Win 98.5" 180

WWHR 100.9 TN Huntingdon, "101FM" 130

WTNV 104.1 TN Jackson 140

WAID 106.5 MS Clarksdale 240

WKXD 106.9 TN Monterey, "Kix 106.9" 140

WWYN 106.9 TN McKenzie, "Win 107, 106.9" Country" 170

WHKL 106.9 MS Crenshaw, "Cool 107" 230

WOOF 99.7 AL Dothan, "Woof FM" 260

WGSQ 94.7 TN Cookville, "The Country Giant" 120

KSSN 95.7 AR Little Rock, "Kissin 96FM" 325

WSIX 97.9 TN Nashville, "The Big 98" 110

WFKX 95.7 TN Henderson, "Kix 96" 130

WRMX 96.3 TN Murfreesboro, "Oldies 96.3" 110

KOLL 94.9 AR Maumelle, "Cool 95" 325

WCVQ 107.9 KY Fort Campbell, "Q108" 145

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1800 KEZA 107.9 AR Fayetteville, "Magic 107.9" 440
2359 ??? 107.7 ?? ??, "Boss Hog Country"

9/26 Tr

0030 KDGE 94.5 TX Gainesville, "The Edge" 575

WCMR 94.5 MS Bruce 160

0110 WXVO 98.7 TN Oliver Springs, "Hot Country 98/7" 180

KRAV 96.5 OK Tulsa, "Tulsa's new Mix 96" 525

KVOO 98.5 OK Tulsa 525

KCKI 99.5 OK Henryetta, "Kick 99" 525

0143 KPLX 99.5 TX Fort Worth, "K-Plex" 575

0146 KLUV 98.7 TX Dallas, "K-Love" 575

KZBB 97.9 OK Poteau, "Zebra 97.9" 460

0200 KBFB 97.9 TX Dallas, "B97.9" 575

???? 98.5 ?? ??, "The new Magic 98.5"

WMGO 93.1 MS Yazoo City

0240 WSMS 99.9 MS Artesia, "The Storm 99.9" WSMS" 150

0630 WTYX 94.7 MS Jackson, "Arrow 94" 260

WKTF 95.5 MS Jackson, "Catfish 95" 260

WMSI 102.9 MS Jackson, "Miss 103" 260

WSTZ 106.7 MS Jackson, "Z106" 260

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0630 WIVK 107.7 TN Knoxville 190

WBKJ 105.1 MS Kosciusko, "K105" 240

From the Editor



Good to see someone is getting some DX!
Had some of the skip in December & January, but didn't ID anything above TV.

Just a reminder.....general bandscans are not accepted in Southern FM DX. The column is for DX, stuff you don't hear on a regular basis.

Next time you're surfing, check out a website I've been working on- http://members.aol.com/okcvineyrd.
See y'all next month!

EASTERN TV DX (continued from page 21)

JIM AYERS

2497 Wind Forest Ct., Norcross, Ga. 30071

EQUIPMENT:

Panasonic 19" TV CM Quantum 1110 VHF at 30"

OCTOBER 1997

8 Tr 0605 WFSG-56 FL 265

9 Tr 0613 WASV-62 NC 148

0629 WGGS-16 SC 125

26 TR 2011 WALA-10 AL 306

2019 WAXC-LP-64 AL

2022 WCOV-20 AL 162

2047 WFGX-35 FL 277

2049 WSFA-12 AL 175

2055 WPAN-53 FL 292

2058 WSRE-23 FL 298

2142 WDHN-18 AL 195

28 Tr 2110 WAAY-31 AL 143

2127 WAFF-48 AL 143

29 Tr 2205 WTOG-44 FL 436

2215 WBHS-50 FL 435

2225 WUSF-16 FL 435

2229 WTTA-38 FL 435

COMMENTS

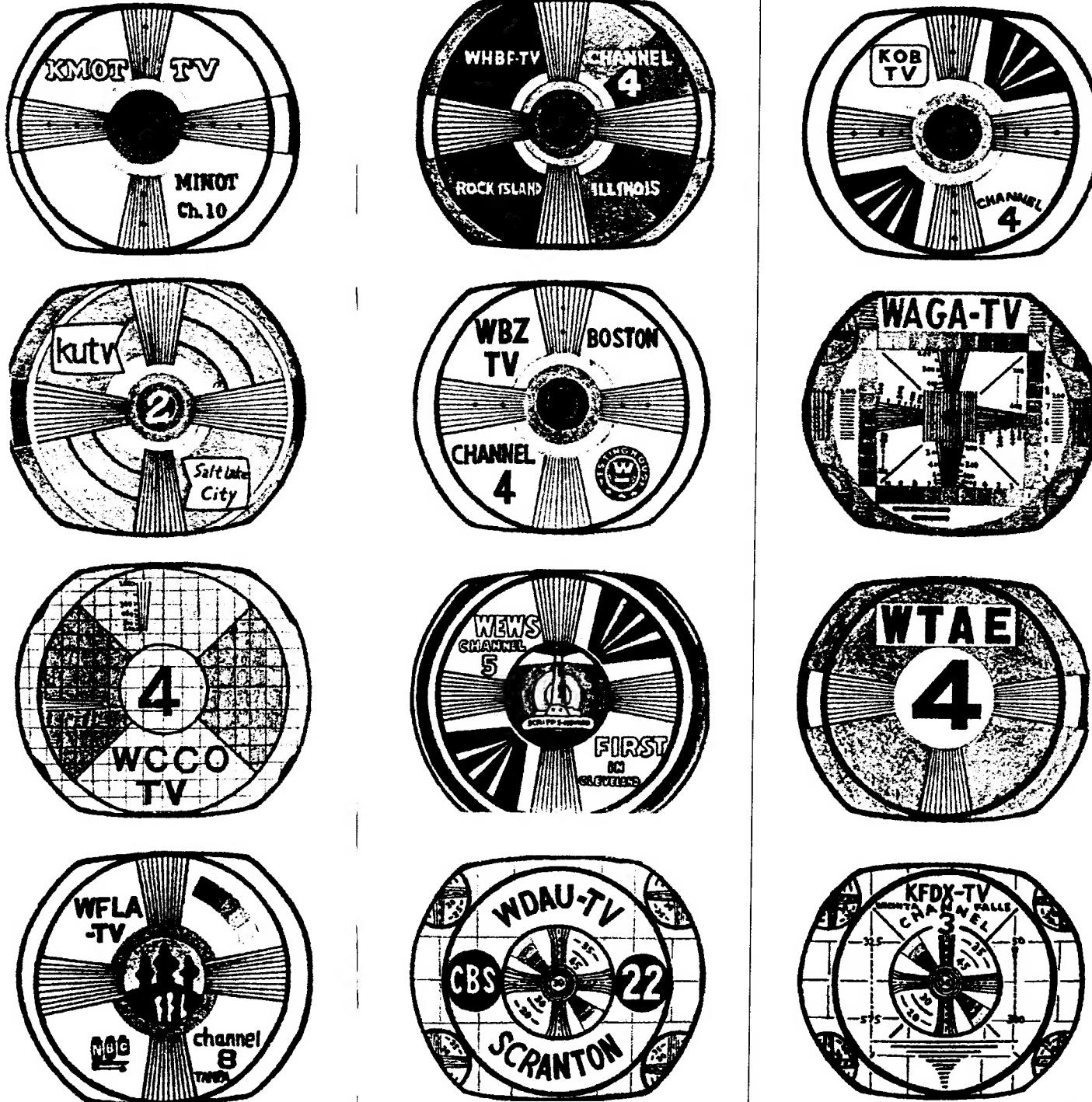
Channel 19 Jeannette, Pa replaces the old WTWB-19 Johnstown,Pa. WBPA-LP-29 which repeated WTWB-19 for the Pittsburgh area, is now WBPA-LP-32 w/ the box.

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**PATTERNS...
(revisited)**

This month, more of Robert J. Williams' (Twin Falls, ID) hand-drawn test patterns. Most are pretty standard (with a bit of customizing) but some are truly unique. The KMOT sample was originally hand-lettered by the art department at KFYR-TV in Bismarck. KUTV's pattern is likely one-of-a-kind. WCCO's odd design was used until recently. Can anyone identify the symbol that appears in the 'bullseye' of WFLA's unusual test pattern. The WHBF call letters stand for "Where Historic Blackhawk Fought". The old Westinghouse logo appears on the WBZ pattern and the Scripps-Howard lighthouse is high-lighted on the WEWS offering. WDAU's design is a DXer's dream...**HUGE type!** By way of memory-jogging, KOB-TV is in Albuquerque; WAGA-TV is channel 5 in Atlanta; WCCO-TV calls Minneapolis home; and of course WTAE is in Pittsburgh. Whether these are your locals, E-skip catches, tropo visitors, 'most-wanted's, or impossible dreams...ENJOY. A few are repeats, but it's been well established that there isn't a thing wrong with re-runs. Thanks again to Robert for his superb work.





SPECIAL REPORT

"El Nino" Ices Antenna Towers Over A Wide Region

Well, they said it was going to be a strange winter! The early part of January brought what is now being called The Great Ice Storm of '98. Some of the heaviest ice buildups on manmade structures in eastern Canada and the U.S. Northeast took place during the period.

At one point, over 5 million homes were without electrical service in eastern Ontario, Quebec, and the most northerly areas of New York State, Maine, and other New England areas. By far, Quebec and Maine were hardest hit, with at least three dozen TV and FM stations knocked off the air. In the more extreme cases, such as Kingston, Ontario's CKWS-11, some radio and TV broadcasting towers collapsed. Other TV outlets, such as WNPE-16 Watertown, NY and CHEX-12 in Peterborough, Ontario suffered severe damage to their transmitter towers. A handful of these stations may be off the air for weeks to come. Next month's VUD should have more details!

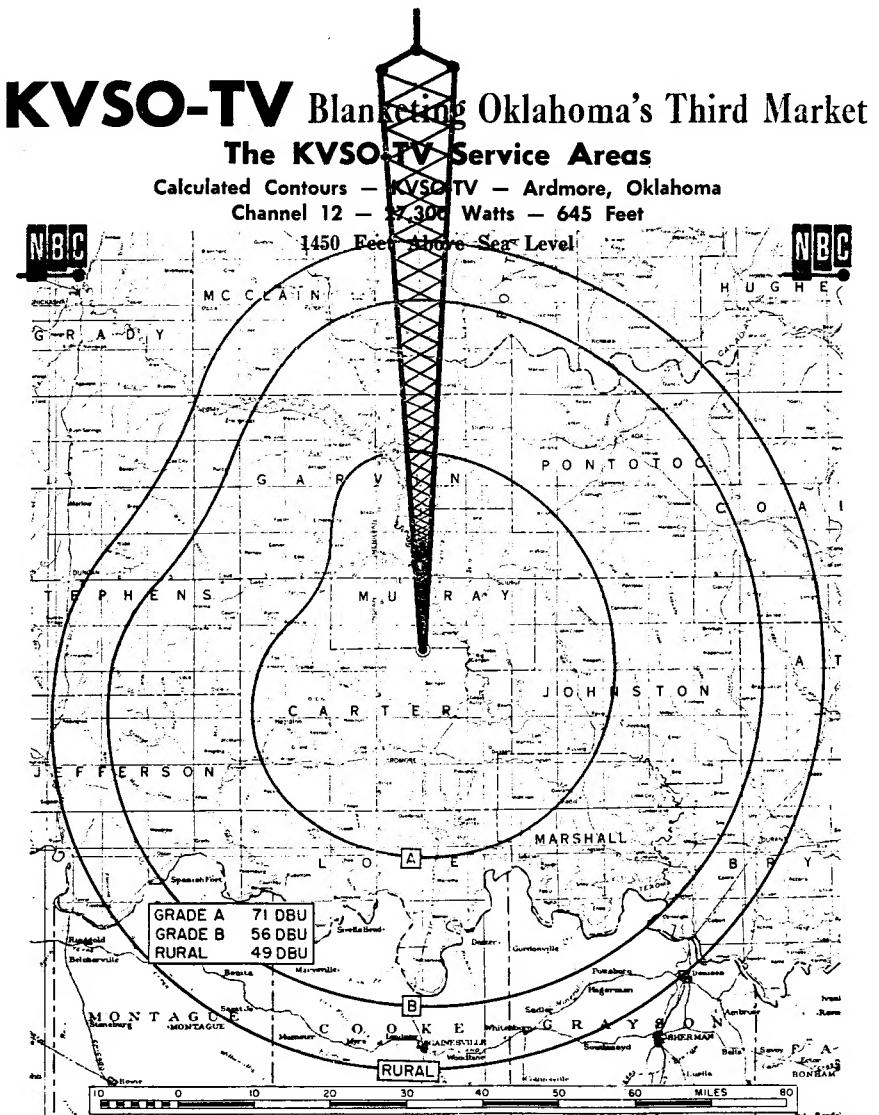
As of press time, some of the worst damage has still not been repaired, TV and FM locals in metropolitan Montreal and Ottawa areas have been extensively damaged, with some of the major AM outlets in those places in very bad shape as well. In the U.S., stations in northern New York State and Maine have been busy trying to improvise temporary tower sites and transmitters. Tower crews, already stretched thin by digital TV work that has just started to commence in some major U.S. markets, encountered damage best described as "awesome." An incredible 3 to 4 inches of ice coated many tower structures during the peak of the icy disaster! When you consider that most such objects are usually engineered for not much more than one inch of crust, it's amazing that more of them didn't collapse.

Needless to say, home TV and FM antennas in one piece will be a rare commodity for some time to come "up north." Here's hoping any DXers in the affected areas managed to escape the worst damage. Remember—if you lost your antennas this winter it was just Nature's way of telling you they really WERE big enough after all!

--Bill Thompson

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courtesy Willis Monk, WB5KHD...



THE KVSO-TV MARKET

Serving 19 Counties in Southern Oklahoma and Northern Texas

Ardmore, OK channel 12...early 1960's!